

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of grammar rules and sentence patterns. Complete the following sentences.

1. I would have ..... a gypsy.

- brought him for
- taken him for
- taken him in

To take somebody for a gypsy is to think that they are a gypsy.

2. Do you mind if I ..... here until the rain stops?

- stay
- stayed
- will stay

After do you mind, present tenses are used.

3. Would you mind if I ..... some music?

- play
- played
- had played

After would you mind, we use a simple past tense.

4. Grandmother ..... go to hospital yesterday.

- have to
- must
- should
- had to

Must and should have present or future meanings. To talk about necessity in the past, we use 'had to'.

5. If I ..... home earlier, I wouldn't have missed the train.

- have left
- left
- had left

In the third conditional, we use a past perfect tense in the if-clause and would have + past participle in the main clause.

6. If he had driven carelessly, he ..... an accident.

- will have
- would have
- would have had

In the third conditional, we use a past perfect tense in the if-clause and would have + past participle in the main clause.

7. He is ..... to live in a finer house.

- enough rich
- rich enough
- too rich

When enough is used as an adverb, it goes after the adjective it modifies.

8. He used a hammer ..... drive a nail into the wall.

- to
- in order to
- Either could be used here

"In order to" is more emphatic than the infinitive.

9. I was so bewildered ..... I could not say a word.

- that
- as to
- to

Note the pattern so...that. The above sentence can also be written as: 'I was too bewildered to say a word'.

10. .... the last day of our holiday, it rained.

- On
- In
- At

We use on with days.

11. The house is burning. It is ..... fire.

- under
- on
- over

12. Will you lend me the scissors when you are finished ..... them?

- by
- with
- on

PLAY AGAIN !

## Answers

1. I would have taken him for a gypsy.
2. Do you mind if I stay here until the rain stops?
3. Would you mind if I played some music?
4. Grandmother had to go to hospital yesterday.
5. If I had left home earlier, I wouldn't have missed the train.
6. If he had driven carelessly, he would have had an accident.
7. He is rich enough to live in a finer house.
8. He used a hammer to / in order to drive a nail into the wall.
9. I was so bewildered that I could not say a word.

10. On the last day of our holiday, it rained.
11. The house is burning. It is on fire.
12. Will you lend me the scissors when you are finished with them?