

## Before you start

- 1 Read the newspaper article. Look at the highlighted grammar examples.

### Music News

A revival of the musical *Oliver!* is due to open on Broadway next month. **This** is a new production of a show which was originally staged in London in 1960. Despite its age, the show is not out of date or irrelevant to today's problems. **On the contrary**, it tackles an issue which is still of great concern today – the problem of deprived young men who become tempted by a life of crime.

Most people **are familiar with** the 1968 film version of the musical. **Not only did it win** six Oscars, it was also one of the most successful British films of the 1960s. The music and lyrics were written by Lionel Bart. The original stage production was directed by Peter Coe **and the film by Carol Reed**. There are many wonderful songs in the film but **it is**

**the remarkable characters that** most audiences remember. Based on Charles Dickens' 1838 novel *Oliver Twist*, the musical is set against the background of **the struggle** for survival in the cruel environment of nineteenth-century London. At that time there was a harsh choice for poor people: a life of hard work and low pay, or a life of crime.

**The main character is Oliver**, a poor orphan who becomes involved with a gang of young criminals led by Fagin, a cruel gang leader who teaches boys **how to steal money by picking pockets**. But Oliver is an honest boy and does not want to be a criminal. **Consequently**, the story contains all the ingredients for a classic battle between good and evil.



- 2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct, or most suitable, option in *italics*. The highlighted grammar examples will help you.

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| 1 There were two teams on the field : / ; the whites and the reds.  | ➤ Unit 99  |
| 2 Next season we will be offering our 'Highlights of Andalusia' tour. <i>This / Our 'Highlights of Andalusia' tour</i> has always been one of our most popular tours.   | ➤ Unit 100 |
| 3 Amy's dad taught her the piano and <i>her mum / her mum taught her</i> the guitar.  | ➤ Unit 100 |
| 4 It is not true that Paul McCartney only writes popular songs. <i>Therefore / On the contrary</i> , he has composed a complete classical symphony.   | ➤ Unit 101 |
| 5 Your outstanding debt has not been <i>paid consequently / paid</i> . <i>Consequently</i> , your electricity will be disconnected.   | ➤ Unit 101 |
| 6 Luciano Pavarotti released many records. But <i>his recording / it is his recording</i> of 'Nessun Dorma' that everyone knows.  | ➤ Unit 102 |
| 7 Not only <i>we were / were we</i> late, we also forgot to take our passports.   | ➤ Unit 102 |
| 8 'The Marriage of Figaro' is Mozart's most famous opera. <i>A clever servant who tricks his employer, Count Almaviva, is the main character. / The main character is a clever servant who tricks his employer, Count Almaviva.</i> | ➤ Unit 103 |
| 9 In the first act of 'Hamlet' the young prince learns of his father's murder. <i>This learning about his father's murder / event</i> leads to terrible consequences.   | ➤ Unit 104 |
| 10 Please ensure you <i>are familiar with / 've looked at</i> our terms and conditions before signing this insurance document.  | ➤ Unit 105 |

- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 : 2 This 3 her mum 4 On the contrary 5 paid. Consequently, 6 it is his recording 7 were we 8 The main character is a clever servant ... Almaviva. 9 event 10 are familiar with