

Practice

1 Read each pair of sentences and choose the correct answer, A, B or C, as in the example.


- A Both sentences have the same meaning.
- B Both sentences have the same meaning but differ in emphasis, intensity or formality.
- C Each sentence has a different meaning.

- 0 The airline staff weren't able to give us any information about the delay. B
The airline staff were able to give us no information about the delay.
- 1 The waiter didn't persuade us to try the fish of the day.
The waiter persuaded us not to try the fish of the day.
- 2 Judge Phillips didn't believe that the accused had stabbed the officer.
Judge Phillips believed that the accused hadn't stabbed the officer.
- 3 Photocopying a whole book is no cheaper than buying it.
Photocopying a whole book is the same price as buying it.
- 4 That new teacher isn't very strict with us, is she?
That new teacher's lenient with us, isn't she?
- 5 Losing your temper isn't the answer to coping with difficult children.
Losing your temper is no answer to coping with difficult children.
- 6 Well, that article on the new political system told me precisely nothing!
Really? It didn't tell me nothing.
- 7 It seems that the championship won't be decided until the last race.
It doesn't seem that the championship will be decided until the last race.
- 8 The only thing is that the sea isn't very warm at the beginning of the summer.
The only thing is that the sea is quite cold at the beginning of the summer.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the blog and choose the correct word or phrase for each gap, A, B or C (see next page). If two options are possible, choose both.

3.36 Listen and check.

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Well, here I am at university. I bet you (1) get here, with all the recent problems! Arriving here was a bit of a shock – it (2), but it's an old industrial town and it's pretty run-down. (3) my parents nor I had expected the student rooms to be right in the middle of the town, but that will probably have its advantages.

It was the university societies and clubs 'bazaar' yesterday – you know, where new students can go and join clubs for things to do in their spare time (yeah, right!). I thought it (4) different from school – history club, badminton club, etc. but someone had told me that you could find every type of club under the sun – well, that (5) exaggeration! The clubs ranged from finance to skydiving! I thought there was (6) in joining a club that was the same subject as my course, so I steered away from the film club and the photographic society. I thought about the psychology society, but (7) students were showing an interest in that one, so I thought better of it. There was one society I (8) to think twice about – folksoc – you know I love bluegrass music. Then I thought that maybe I ought to do something physical, so I looked at the rowing club. It (9) to be terribly popular, but I decided to have a go. So now I'm officially a member of the university rowing club!

Well, better go. I (10) bored with my ramblings today. Next one tomorrow or the day after.

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