


Practice

1 In each of these pairs of sentences, at least one of the choices is correct, and both may be. Tick (✓) the correct ones.

- 1 A The invigilator came in and he sat down without acknowledging the candidates.
B The invigilator came in and sat down without acknowledging the candidates.
- 2 A The orchestra's temporary musician plays the piano much better than the usual pianist.
B The orchestra's temporary musician plays the piano much better than the usual pianist plays.
- 3 It was thought that the suspect had also targeted a late-night shopper, but it transpired that ...
A he couldn't have. B he couldn't have done it.
- 4 The newcomers resented our presence at the celebrations ...
A and we resented. B and we theirs.
- 5 A The tests didn't yield conclusive results, although they had been expected to.
B The tests didn't yield conclusive results, although they had been expected.
- 6 A The instructions explain clearly how to grow the plants but not when to grow them.
B The instructions explain clearly how to grow the plants but not when to.

2 Delete the words in these sentences that can or should be omitted. Delete as many words as you can.

- 1 The students could either take the exam in June or they could take it in December.
- 2 The children were delighted with the party lights and they wanted to see them turned on again.
- 3 We enquired whether the new restaurant would be open on Sunday evenings, like the one it replaced, but the new owners could only tell us that it might be open on Sunday evenings.
- 4 The casual labourers didn't earn much money during the summer, though they had expected to earn some.
- 5 The young woman plays the violin superbly and her brother plays the cello equally well.
- 6 Baxter's sick tonight, which is unfortunate as he can play better than all the others can.
- 7 We thought that the old woman had been looking after the house, but she can't have been looking after it as she was in hospital at the time.
- 8 The task states that candidates should not write more than the number of words given, but it doesn't state how many words that is.

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Improve this short text, using ellipsis where possible. You should be able to shorten it in five places.  4.36 Listen and check.

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