Grammar Workout



Without warning the ear-splitting fire alarm sounded. Fear erupted from within me.

- 1. Add a missing comma.
- 2. Explain why it's needed.
- 3. Name the punctuation mark in ear-splitting.
- 4. What word class is erupted?
- 5. Join the two main clauses with a conjunction.
- 6. Did you use a co-ordinating or subordinating conjunction?



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- **1.** Without warning, the ear-splitting fire alarm sounded. Fear erupted from within me.
- 2. It is used following a fronted adverbial.
- 3. hyphen
- 4. verb
- 5. Various possibilities: and, so, whilst, as, etc...
- 6. The answer varies depending on the response to Q5.

My uncle Richard who we often call Ricky had won the lottery last week.

- 1. Add a missing capital letter.
- 2. Add missing brackets.
- 3. Explain why the brackets are needed.
- 4. Identify where past perfect tense is used.
- 5. Re-write the sentence with the adverbial phrase as a fronted adverbial.
- 6. Write a question which you could ask your Uncle Richard.



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- 1. Uncle Richard
- 2. (who we often call Ricky)
- 3. The brackets mark parenthesis / punctuate a relative clause
- 4. had won
- **5**. Last week, my Uncle Richard (who we often call Ricky) had won the lottery.
- **6. Various possibilities:** How much did you win? How are you going to spend your fortune? (Capital letter and question mark required.)

Get here at once Jessica Adams! screamed Jessicas mum. How rude of you to say that to me!

- 1. Add a missing apostrophe.
- 2. Re-write with correct use of inverted commas.
- 3. Identify an exclamation.
- 4. Identify a command.
- 5. Replace the speech verb with an alternate one.
- 6. What does the pronoun 'you' refer to?



Get here at once, Jessica Adams! screamed Jessicas mum. How rude of you to say that to me!

- 1. Jessica's mum
- 2. "Get here at once, Jessica Adams!" screamed Jessica's mum. "How rude of you to say that to me!"
- 3. How rude of you to say that to me!
- 4. Get here at once Jessica Adams
- 5. Various possibilities: screeched, bellowed, etc...
- 6. Jessica

Once that clock ticks 9 o'clock, you must go to sleep. You have a very busy day tomorrow, okay?

- 1. Identify the subordinate clause.
- 2. Identify the modal verb.
- 3. Write you have in contracted form.
- 4. Identify the question tag.
- 5. Identify the determiners.
- 6. Replace the full stop with a conjunction.

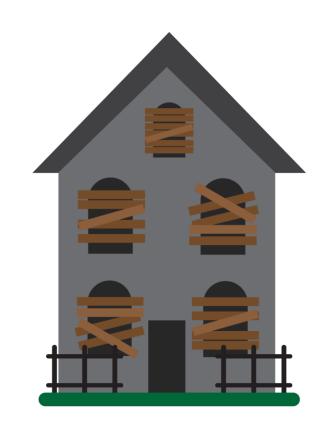


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- 1. Once that clock ticks 9 o'clock,
- 2. must
- 3. You have → you've
- 4. okay?
- **5.** that, a
- 6. Various possibilities: because, as, and

Slowly and very very quietly Jane and Marlon walked up to the house.

- 1. Add two missing commas.
- 2. Explain the use of both commas.
- 3. Replace Jane and Marlon with a pronoun.
- 4. Identify the preposition.
- 5. Replace with an alternate preposition.
- **6.** Add an adjective about the house to create an expanded noun phrase.



Slowly and very very quietly Jane and Marlon walked towards the house.

- 1. Slowly and very, very quietly, Jane and Marlon walked towards the house.
- first one → the comma separates duplicated words
 second one → the comma follows a fronted adverbial
- 3. they
- **4.** up to
- 5. Various possibilities: towards, around, behind, in front of etc...
- 6. Various possibilities: the (haunted / derelict / uninhabited) house

