

Graded grammar worksheet

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Passive voice

You are writing an article about an ex-convict for the school newspaper. Complete the article using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

Choosing one's future

Students at Mission Hill Secondary School (1) _____ (treat) to an inspiring talk this Friday at 2 p.m., which (2) _____ (deliver) by an ex-convict named Sammy Chang.

Following his imprisonment for burglary, Chang (3) _____ (release) from prison five years ago. Being an ex-convict wasn't easy. After his release, Chang was rejected by his old friends and family members who he thought would always be on his side. At the beginning, he (4) _____ (deny) jobs nearly every day. He knew that these jobs (5) _____ (not offer) to him because of his criminal background. At that time, he thought to himself, 'Doors (6) _____ (close) on me before I (7) _____ (give) a chance!' He began to distrust people around him, wondering, 'What (8) _____ (say) behind my back? (9) _____ I _____ (judge) on my character or on my past?'

Chang almost ended up homeless because of his failure to get a job. He admitted that mistakes (10) _____ (make) when he was young, but he didn't want to live under the shadow of his past for the rest of his life. That's when he decided to take matters into his own hands and turn over a new leaf.

Chang's business, Contracts for Convicts, (11) _____ (open) in 2015. The company offers low-cost building services, and heavily advertises the work ethic of ex-convicts. At the beginning, it was a small-scale company where only three ex-convicts (12) _____ (hire). Soon after, the business expanded quickly. The company became successful and was often invited for interviews with newspapers and TV programmes.

According to Chang, many ex-convicts today (13) _____ (forget) by society. They (14) _____ (not treat) with respect and fairness. Nevertheless, if society gives them a second chance, they (15) _____ (save) from returning to a life of crime.

The promotion poster of Chang's inspiring talk (16) _____ already _____ (post) on the school website. Applications are now available online.

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Past perfect tense

Your friend has recently organized a charity event. He is writing an email to thank the volunteers for their contribution. He has asked you to help him proofread the email. Complete the email using the correct form of the verbs from the box.

Dear volunteers,

Thank you so much for your hard work at our charity scavenger hunt, especially under such difficult circumstances. Before the event took place, we (1) _____ (plan) it for months. However, we (2) _____ (not expect) that so many things could go wrong! We (3) _____ (receive) 40 applications for the event, but 60 participants showed up on the day. It was quite a surprise! Our organization (4) _____ (not prepare) extra resources for so many people beforehand. Luckily, our registration and logistics teams managed to come up with ad hoc arrangements swiftly so that all participants could join the game.

Most of the participants (5) _____ never _____ (be) to a scavenger hunt before, and their response to our event was mostly positive. So, the team leaders deserve our huge gratitude for their great leadership.

The weather was another obstacle. We (6) _____ (see) the weather forecast in the morning and it said it was going to be sunny! Most teams (7) _____ only _____ (complete) half of the game when it started to pour with rain. (8) _____ we _____ (consider) what we would do if it rained? Unfortunately not.

Yet, our reliable volunteer Jasmine saved the day. She had predicted that it might rain, so she (9) _____ (bring) enough umbrellas for the participants. Then, she led some other volunteers to the superstore nearby to get umbrellas for all the staff and volunteers. How (10) _____ she _____ (know) that the weather would turn its back on us? Of course, she (11) _____ just _____ (hand) out the last umbrella when the rain stopped.

Our organization's Director, Marilyn Chu, (12) _____ (get) stuck in traffic before the award ceremony, so she was unable to deliver her speech. Fortunately, Peter Lam, the Vice Director, (13) _____ (step) on stage to take her place before anyone noticed she was missing! He gave an impromptu speech that left everyone cheering. I (14) _____ (not realize) what a wordsmith he was!

All of our participants had a great time, and none of them spotted any of the problems we (15) _____ (have). I (16) _____ (not organize) any sort of a special thank-you party, but you all went above the call of duty. Therefore, please join us for a pizza and pop party at the Volunteering Centre on the coming Saturday!

Best wishes,

Gareth Lo

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Using *unless*

You are writing down some ideas about helping refugees. Use the words in brackets and complete the sentences. Make sure you put the clauses in the correct order.

- Unless (1) _____

(refugees not able to return home/violence stops in their home countries)
- (2) _____ unless

(refugees not feel safe/we let them into war-free countries)
- Unless (3) _____

(refugees be offered free language classes/they have trouble fitting into a new country)
- (4) _____ unless

(they be threatened with homelessness/there is an adequate housing supply)
- Unless (5) _____

(they can connect with others from their country/they feel homesick)
- (6) _____ unless

(refugees not feel at home/we welcome them with open arms)
- Unless (7) _____

(refugees struggle to find jobs/employment centres offer special services)
- (8) _____ unless

(many refugees not have access to education/non-governmental organizations provide funding support)
- Unless (9) _____

(people invite them to take part in community activities/refugees feel isolated)

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- (10) _____ unless

(refugee aid organizations not have enough funding/citizens make donations)
- Unless (11) _____

(we read international news/we not understand what people are fleeing)
- (12) _____ unless

(many refugees feel cold in the wintertime/we donate warm clothing and shoes)
- Unless (13) _____

(we miss out on interesting cultures/we accept refugees with an open heart)
- (14) _____ unless

(refugees' lives be free from discrimination/we stop racism and prejudices against them)
- Unless (15) _____

(they are provided with translators/refugees face communication barriers when they first arrive in a foreign country)
- (16) _____ unless

(we not know what refugees have gone through/we listen to their stories)

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Consolidation

You are the editor of your school newspaper. One of the writers has submitted an article about crowdfunding, but she is having trouble with some of the words. Help her complete the article using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Small donations going a long way

(1) _____ the face of charity _____ (change) by crowdfunding? The story of Tommy Lam gives a clue about this trend.

In 2017, Tommy Lam's family home burnt to the ground, claiming all of his family's possessions during Chinese New Year. His friend suggested setting up a crowdfunding page, where small donations (2) _____ (collect) from individuals online.

Tommy (3) _____ (hear) of crowdfunding, but had never considered using it.

'Even though I often make donations to charity, I've never started or joined any crowdfunding campaign,' he said. He felt awkward fundraising for himself. 'Unless it's for a reputable charity,' he thought, 'people (4) _____ (not want) to donate money.'

After his friend (5) _____ (set) up the fundraising page, he (6) _____ quickly _____ (prove) wrong. Over the next few weeks, the crowdfunding page

(7) _____ (share) rapidly online. People (8) _____ (touch) by the family's story. One user commented, 'I (9) _____ (not stop) spreading this

crowdfunding appeal unless this family (10) _____ (get) a new home!' Another donor said, 'the needy (11) _____ (not ignore) by our society, which is built with love

and care.' At the end of the fundraising period, when Tommy checked the page, he was astonished that people (12) _____ (contribute) a sum of \$200,000.

'I (13) _____ never, in my wildest dreams, _____ (anticipate) that level of generosity. Unless I stop talking about it now, it (14) _____ (bring) tears to my

eyes again,' he says. In the age before the rise of crowdfunding, people

(15) _____ (not be) able to give money directly to individuals easily. But

crowdfunding has made direct donation come true and thus helped spread generosity in society.

However, there could be a dark side of crowdfunding. Recently, it (16) _____ (report) that several fake campaigns (17) _____ (appear) on major

crowdfunding websites and were disguised as charity fundraising events. Unless people do their research thoroughly, they will be at risk of giving donations to dishonest

campaigns. Nevertheless, Tommy's experience tells us that if the needy share their concerns on the Internet, they (18) _____ (help) by truly generous people in

society. Initially, Tommy Lam and his family (19) _____ (lose) all of their hope following the tragic fire, but crowdfunding restored both their home and their faith in

humanity. Unless we find new ways to help families and individuals in need, crowdfunding (20) _____ (remain) a compelling and effective option to help the needy.