

Exercises

62.1 Write these sentences in another way (see Section A).

1. It's hard to understand him. *He is hard to understand.*
2. It's easy to use this machine. This machine is _____.
3. It was very difficult to open the window. The window _____.
4. It's impossible to translate some words. Some words _____.
5. It's not safe to stand on that chair. That chair _____.
6. It's expensive to maintain a car. A _____.

62.2 Complete the second sentence using the adjective in parentheses. Use a/an + adjective + noun + to . . . , as in the example (see Section A).

1. I couldn't answer the question. (difficult) It was *a difficult question to answer*.
2. Everybody makes that mistake. (easy) It's an _____.
3. I like living in this place. (nice) It's a _____.
4. We enjoyed watching the game. (good) It was _____.

62.3 Make a new sentence beginning It . . . (see Section B). Use one of these adjectives each time:

careless considerate kind nice

1. Sue offered to help me.
It was kind of Sue to offer to help me.
2. You make the same mistake again and again.
It _____.
3. Don and Jenny invited me to stay with them.
_____.
4. John made a lot of noise when I was trying to sleep.
It wasn't very _____.

62.4 Use the following words to complete these sentences (see Section C):

glad/hear pleased/get sorry/hear surprised/see

1. We *were pleased to get* _____ your letter last week.
2. Thank you for your letter. I _____ that you're doing well.
3. We _____ Jennifer at the party. We didn't expect her to come.
4. I _____ that your mother is sick. I hope she gets well soon.

62.5 Complete the second sentence using the words in parentheses + to . . . (see Section D).

1. Nobody left before me. (the first)
I was *the first person to leave*.
2. Everybody else arrived before Paul. (the last)
Paul was the _____.
3. Jenny passed the exam. All the other students failed. (the only)
Jenny was _____.
4. I complained to the restaurant manager about the service. Another customer had already complained before me. (the second)
I was _____.
5. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969. Nobody had done this before him. (the first)
Neil Armstrong was _____.