

# GRAMMAR UP

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*A new holistic  
approach to  
learning grammar*



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## Introduction

Grammar Up is a new, holistic approach to teaching and learning English grammar.

When you take English in school, you learn one piece of grammar at a time. After a while, you become confused by all the rules, and you forget most of them.

Native speakers don't know the rules for the present simple or present perfect tense. **They use them.**

With Grammar Up, you work in the same way. The grammar points are not explained—you have to use them. And **when you use the grammar, you learn it.**

## How to use this book?

There are 17 short texts. First you have to read the text and answer the comprehension questions. You can either write your answers on a piece of paper or you can remember them. Check your answers on the next page.

This comprehension exercise is followed by the first Grammar Up exercise. You will see the same text you have read, but this time half of every second word is deleted. The text looks like this:

*You wi\_\_\_\_\_ see t\_\_\_\_\_ same te\_\_\_\_\_ you ha\_\_\_\_\_ read, b\_\_\_\_\_ this ti\_\_\_\_\_ half o\_\_\_\_\_ every  
sec\_\_\_\_\_ word i\_\_\_\_\_ deleted.*

Try to read the text and complete each word. It is ideal to read the text aloud this time. If you are not sure how to complete a word, turn back to the original text and find the correct answer.

This exercise is followed by the second Grammar Up text. This time you see a text in which all the verbs are in the infinitive form, all the prepositions are replaced by a dash (-), and all the articles are replaced by an asterisk (\*). The text then looks like this:

*You SEE \* same text you READ, but this time half - every second word DELETE.*

Your task is to read the text again and add all the missing words and forms. It might not be a bad idea to write out the text as well.

I hope you like this book and that your facility with grammar goes up!!!

You can find more materials to teach and learn English at <http://www.engames.eu>.

## A Romantic Evening

Yesterday I went to the pub. There I saw a beautiful girl sitting at the bar.

I went up to her and bought her a drink. It cost a lot. I started to chat her up.

She smiled and laughed. Suddenly her boyfriend came. I stopped talking, but it was too late. He hit me in the face. It hurt a lot because he broke my teeth.

### Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False:**

1. He went to the cinema.
2. He saw a beautiful girl.
3. He bought her a handbag.
4. It was cheap.
5. She was happy.
6. Her boyfriend came.
7. He hit the boyfriend.

**Correct answers:**

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. False

**A Romantic Evening**

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I we\_\_\_\_\_ up t\_\_\_\_\_ her a\_\_\_\_\_ bought h\_\_\_\_\_ a dr\_\_\_\_\_. It co\_\_\_\_\_ a l\_\_\_\_\_. I star\_\_\_\_\_ to  
ch\_\_\_\_\_ her u\_\_\_\_\_.

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## All the Things I Have to Do

My name is David, and I'm going to tell you a bit about my life. I have to get up at about quarter past seven on school days. I usually have toast for breakfast. I have to make it myself, because Mum has to look after my little sister, Jane. I have to feed the cat before I go to school, too. I leave the house at half past eight, and I go by tram to school. School starts at ten to nine. When I get home from school I play computer games for about an hour, then I start my homework. After dinner I have to help with the washing up, and then I finish my homework. I go to bed at about quarter to ten. On Friday evenings I usually go to the cinema with my friends, but I always get home by half past nine. I don't mind not staying out late, because I play table tennis for my team on Saturday mornings, so I have to get up early.

### Comprehension Check:

Answer the questions:

1. Does he have to get up before eight o'clock on school days?
2. Does he make his breakfast?
3. Does he have to feed the dog?
4. Does he take the bus to school?
5. Does he have to help with the washing up?
6. Does he go to the cinema on Saturdays?
7. Does he play tennis on Saturdays?
8. Does he have to get up early on Saturdays?

### Correct answers:

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. No.
4. No
5. Yes
6. No.
7. No.
8. Yes.

### Grammar up:

#### All the Things I Have to Do

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## Blonde Joke

A blonde suspected that her boyfriend was cheating on her, so she went out and bought a gun. She went to his apartment that same day, with the gun in hand. Sure enough, when she opened the door, she found her boyfriend in the arms of a redhead. She pointed the gun at her boyfriend and stared at him for a moment. Then, suddenly, she put the gun up to the side of her head. Her boyfriend screamed, "Honey, don't do it!" The blonde yelled back, "Shut up! You're next!"

### Comprehension Check:

**Answer the questions:**

1. What colour hair does the woman have?
2. What did the woman buy?
3. Did her boyfriend have another girlfriend?
4. What did she want to do first?
5. What did she want to do next?

**Correct answers:**

1. Blond.
2. A gun.
3. Yes.
4. She wanted to kill herself first.
5. She wanted to kill her boyfriend next.

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## Cavewomen

Two women claim to suffer from headaches caused by their extreme sensitivity to electrical signals. They decided to live in a cave to protect their health from the bad effects of Wi-Fi and mobile phones. They live in Israel, and in the cave they have two beds, a table, candles, and no electricity.

### Comprehension Check:

Answer the questions:

1. *What are the women's problems?*
2. *Where do they live?*
3. *Why do they live there?*
4. *Do they have beds in the cave?*
5. *Do they have electricity in the cave?*
6. *Where are the women from?*

**Correct answers:**

1. They have got headaches.
2. In a cave.
3. To protect their health.
4. Yes.
5. No.
6. Israel.

**Cavewomen**

Two wo\_\_\_\_\_ claim t\_\_\_\_\_ suffer fr\_\_\_\_\_ headaches cau\_\_\_\_\_ by th\_\_\_\_\_ extreme sensi\_\_\_\_\_ to  
elect\_\_\_\_\_ signals. Th\_\_\_\_\_ decided t\_\_\_\_\_ live i\_\_\_\_\_ a ca\_\_\_\_\_ to pro\_\_\_\_\_ their hea\_\_\_\_\_ from  
t\_\_\_\_\_ bad eff\_\_\_\_\_ of Wi-Fi a\_\_\_\_\_ mobile pho\_\_\_\_\_. They li\_\_\_\_\_ in Israel, a\_\_\_\_\_ in t\_\_\_\_\_ cave  
th\_\_\_\_\_ have t\_\_\_\_\_ beds, a ta\_\_\_\_\_, candles, a\_\_\_\_\_ no elec\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Flying Shark**

Recently a pilot reported that he could see a shark 600 m up in the air.

It turned out that the shark in question was a helium-filled, remote-controlled gadget called Air Swimmers, and that it had flown away from its owner.

### **Comprehension Check:**

**Answer the questions:**

1. What did the pilot see?
2. What is the name of the gadget?
3. Why was this gadget so high?



**Correct answers:**

1. A shark
2. Air Swimmers
3. It had flown away from its owner.

**Flying Shark**

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## Food Knowledge

Do you know where the food you eat every day comes from?

What is butter made of?

Can you make bacon from wheat?

Do you think that everybody knows the answers to these questions? You are wrong.

In Great Britain, 2,000 teenagers and young adults took part in a survey in which they were asked to match foods and pictures and say where the food came from.

The results showed that more than half of the participants didn't know where butter came from, and more than ten per cent thought that both eggs and bacon are made from wheat.

It is often said that food knowledge is declining, but this research shows that the situation is really bad. Maybe the solution would be to make students go to farms and see for themselves how food is produced.

### Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False?**

1. Everybody knows what butter is made of.
2. Teenagers took part in this survey.
3. More than 50% of the teenagers thought that eggs are made of wheat.
4. Their food knowledge is not so bad.
5. Students should work on farms.

**Correct answers:**

1. False.
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True

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It OFTEN SAY that food knowledge DECLINE, but this research SHOW that \* situation BE really bad. Maybe \* solution BE - MAKE students GO - farms and SEE - themselves how food PRODUCE.

## Genie joke

A woman is walking along the beach, and she finds an old lamp. She picks it up and rubs it, and out comes a genie. The genie says to the woman, "I will grant you three wishes, but whatever you wish for, your husband will get twice as much. What is your first wish?"

The woman says, "I'd like \$1 million, please."

The genie says, "You now have \$1 million, and your husband has \$2 million. What is your second wish?"

"I would like to have a nice house in France."

The genie says, "You now have a nice house in France, and your husband has two houses. What is your third wish?"

The woman thinks for a while and then says, "I would like to have a mild heart attack."

## Comprehension check:

**Answer the questions:**

1. What comes out of the lamp?
2. How many wishes does the woman have?
3. What will her husband get?
4. What is her first wish?
5. What is her second wish?
6. What happens to her husband at the end?

### Correct answers:

1. A genie.
2. Three
3. He will get twice as much.
4. She wants \$1 million.
5. She wants a house in France.
6. He dies.

### Genie joke

A wo\_\_\_\_\_ is wal\_\_\_\_\_ along t\_\_\_\_\_ beach, a\_\_\_\_\_ she fi\_\_\_\_\_ an o\_\_\_\_\_ lamp. S\_\_\_\_\_ pi\_\_\_\_\_ it u\_\_\_\_\_ and ru\_\_\_\_\_ it, and o\_\_\_\_\_ comes a ge\_\_\_\_\_. The ge\_\_\_\_\_ says t\_\_\_\_\_ the wo\_\_\_\_\_, "I wi\_\_\_\_\_ grant y\_\_\_\_\_ three wi\_\_\_\_\_, but what\_\_\_\_\_ you wi\_\_\_\_\_ for, yo\_\_\_\_\_ husband wi\_\_\_\_\_ get tw\_\_\_\_\_ as mu\_\_\_\_\_. What i\_\_\_\_\_ your fi\_\_\_\_\_ wish?"

T\_\_\_\_\_ woman sa\_\_\_\_\_, "I'd li\_\_\_\_\_ \$1 mil\_\_\_\_\_, please."

The ge\_\_\_\_\_ says, "Y\_\_\_\_\_ now ha\_\_\_\_\_ \$1 mil\_\_\_\_\_, and yo\_\_\_\_\_ husband h\_\_\_\_\_ \$2 mil\_\_\_\_\_. What i\_\_\_\_\_ your sec\_\_\_\_\_ wish?"

"I wo\_\_\_\_\_ like t\_\_\_\_\_ have a ni\_\_\_\_\_ house i\_\_\_\_\_ France."

T\_\_\_\_\_ genie sa\_\_\_\_\_, "You n\_\_\_\_\_ have a ni\_\_\_\_\_ house i\_\_\_\_\_ France, a\_\_\_\_\_ your hus\_\_\_\_\_ has t\_\_\_\_\_ houses. Wh\_\_\_\_\_ is yo\_\_\_\_\_ third wi\_\_\_\_\_?"

T\_\_\_\_\_ woman thi\_\_\_\_\_ for a wh\_\_\_\_\_ and th\_\_\_\_\_ says, "I wo\_\_\_\_\_ like t\_\_\_\_\_ ha\_\_\_\_\_ a mi\_\_\_\_\_ heart att\_\_\_\_\_."

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## Hungry Pavement

A Chinese girl was walking along the pavement when it suddenly disappeared from under her feet, and she fell into a hole 6 m deep.

Fortunately, a taxi driver was passing by, and he saw what happened. He called for the Fire Brigade, and they helped her with ladders.

The girl should consider herself lucky because when something similar happened 40 years ago in the Czech Republic in the town of Brno, the woman who fell through the pavement was never found.

### Comprehension Check:

Answer the questions:

1. *What was the girl's nationality?*
2. *How deep was the hole?*
3. *Who saw what happened?*
4. *Who came to help the girl?*
5. *What equipment did they have?*
6. *What happened to the woman in the Czech Republic?*
7. *Did the Czech woman survive?*

**Correct answers:**

1. Chinese
2. 6 metres
3. A taxi driver
4. Fire Brigade
5. ladders
6. She fell through a pavement.
7. No.

**Hungry Pavement**

A Chi\_\_\_\_\_ girl w\_\_\_\_\_ walking al\_\_\_\_\_ the pave\_\_\_\_\_ when i\_\_\_\_\_ suddenly disap\_\_\_\_\_ from  
un\_\_\_\_\_ her fe\_\_\_\_\_, and s\_\_\_\_\_ fell in\_\_\_\_\_ a ho\_\_\_\_\_ 6 m de\_\_\_\_\_.

Fortu\_\_\_\_\_, a ta\_\_\_\_\_ driver w\_\_\_\_\_ passing b\_\_\_\_\_, and h\_\_\_\_\_ saw wh\_\_\_\_\_ happened.

He cal\_\_\_\_\_ for t\_\_\_\_\_ Fire Bri\_\_\_\_\_, and th\_\_\_\_\_ hel\_\_\_\_\_ her wi\_\_\_\_\_ ladders.

The gi\_\_\_\_\_ should con\_\_\_\_\_ herself lu\_\_\_\_\_ because wh\_\_\_\_\_ something sim\_\_\_\_\_ happened 40  
ye\_\_\_\_\_ ago i\_\_\_\_\_ the Czech Republic i\_\_\_\_\_ the to\_\_\_\_\_ of Brno, t\_\_\_\_\_ woman w\_\_\_\_\_ fell  
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## **Cheap Sandwich**

Rother McLennon called 911 and asked for the police. He was upset because he had asked for less turkey in his sandwich but was charged the normal price. The 911 operator sent a policeman to the deli to investigate. Later the man was criticised for wasting police time.

### **Comprehension Check:**

**Answer the questions:**

1. Who did Rother McLennon call?
2. What did he want in his sandwich?
3. How much did he pay?
4. Did the police investigate?

**Correct answer:**

1. Number 911
2. Less turkey.
3. The normal price
4. Yes.

**Cheap Sandwich**

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## Lucky Husband

A man stopped at his favourite pub to relax after a hard day's work. He noticed that a man next to him ordered a glass of gin and a glass of beer. The man drank the gin, then the beer, and then he looked into his shirt pocket. This happened several times before the first man's curiosity got the best of him. He leaned over to the other man and said, "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice your little ritual. Why in the world do you look into your shirt pocket every time you drink your gin and beer?" The man replied, "There's a picture of my wife in there, and when she starts looking good, I'm going home!"

### Comprehension Check:

Answer the questions:

1. Where did the story happen?
2. What did the man do after he drank the gin and beer?
3. How many men are in this story?
4. What is in the man's pocket?
5. When is the man going home?

## Correct answers:

1. In a pub.
2. He looked into his pocket.
3. Two.
4. There is a photo.
5. When his wife starts looking good.

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### Lucky Husband

\* man STOP - his favourite pub - RELAX - \* hard day's work. He NOTICE that \* man - - him ORDER \* glass - gin and \* glass - beer. \* man DRINK \* gin, then \* beer, and then he LOOK - his shirt pocket. This HAPPEN several times before \* first man's curiosity GET \* best - him. He LEAN over - \* other man and SAY, "Excuse me, I CAN NOT HELP but NOTICE your little ritual. Why - \* world YOU LOOK - your shirt pocket every time you DRINK your gin and beer?" \* man REPLY, "There BE \* picture - my wife - there, and when she START LOOK good, I GO home!"

## Modern Olympic Games

The modern Olympic games started in 1896 in Athens. At that time there were only about 250 athletes who competed in nine different sports: athletics, fencing, gymnastics, shooting, swimming, cycling, tennis, weightlifting, and wrestling. The first Olympic winner was James Connolly, who was a 28-year-old student at Harvard University. He won the triple jump. Tom Burke won the 100 m and 400 m. The winners each got a silver medal and an olive branch. The modern Olympic games were founded by Pierre de Coubertin. He chose the Olympic motto, which is still in use today. It is "Faster, higher, stronger." There have been several problems with the Olympic games. The first was in 1936, when the Olympics were held in Germany, and they were misused by Hitler for propaganda. In 1972 several Jewish athletes were killed during a terrorist attack at the Munich Olympic games. In 1980 the games were held in Moscow, but many Western countries refused to come as a protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In return, many Eastern countries boycotted the 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles. Fortunately, all the countries came to the Olympics in Seoul in 1988. Probably the most interesting record ever achieved at the Olympics was the jump by Bob Beamon in 1968. Beamon was competing in the long jump, and he jumped 890 cm. At that time the world record was 834 cm. It was only in 1991 that Mike Powell jumped farther than Beamon.

### Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False?**

1. The first Olympic winner won the 100 metres.
2. The first Olympic winners got a gold medal.
3. The Olympic motto is: "Faster, higher, stronger."
4. Hitler used the Olympic games for propaganda.
5. Several Jewish athletes were killed during the 1972 Olympics.
6. Many western countries did not go to Moscow in 1980.
7. Bob Beamon competed in fencing.
8. Mike Powell jumped farther than Beamon in 1991.

### Correct answers:

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. True

### Modern Olympic Games

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When I lived with my parents, I started to learn how to cook. First I spilt and spoilt everything. Once I even burnt the meat. It smelled horrible. But eventually I learnt it, and now I cook regularly, and people enjoy my food.

### Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False:**

1. He started to cook when he lived alone.
2. He could cook immediately.
3. The burnt meat smelled fine.
4. Now he can cook well.
5. People like his food.

**Correct answers:**

1. False
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True

**My Cooking**

Wh\_\_\_\_\_ I li\_\_\_\_\_ with m\_\_\_\_\_ par\_\_\_\_\_, I sta\_\_\_\_\_ to le\_\_\_\_\_ how t\_\_\_\_\_ co\_\_\_\_\_. First I sp\_\_\_\_\_ and spo\_\_\_\_\_ everything. On\_\_\_\_\_ I ev\_\_\_\_\_ burnt t\_\_\_\_\_ meat. I\_\_\_\_\_ smelled horr\_\_\_\_\_. But event\_\_\_\_\_ I lea\_\_\_\_\_ it, a\_\_\_\_\_ now I co\_\_\_\_\_ regularly, a\_\_\_\_\_ people en\_\_\_\_\_ my fo\_\_\_\_\_

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## My Holiday

Hello, my name is Peter, and I come from a small town called Brno. Last holiday I went around Europe, and I visited several interesting places. My favourite city was Vienna. It's much bigger and more crowded than Brno. I visited several museums and art galleries because the weather was worse than in Brno and I preferred to stay indoors. Then I went to Berlin. The people in Berlin are not as friendly as the people in Vienna, and the town was much more expensive than Brno. But I enjoyed staying there too. In August I flew to London. Surprisingly, London was hotter than the other cities I visited. It was 35°C when I was there. I spent a lot of time on Oxford Street, which is very expensive. In my opinion, London is cleaner than Berlin. I enjoyed my holiday very much. I want to visit Prague and Paris next year.

## Comprehension Check:

**Are the sentences True or False:**

1. Peter is from Vienna.
2. He visited museums and art galleries in Vienna.
3. There are more people in Vienna than in Brno.
4. Peter liked Berlin.
5. Brno is more expensive than Berlin.
6. It was very hot in London.
7. Peter visited Prague, too.



### Correct answers:

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. True
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### My Holiday

He\_\_\_\_\_, my na\_\_\_\_\_ is Peter, a\_\_\_\_\_ I co\_\_\_\_\_ from a sm\_\_\_\_\_ town cal\_\_\_\_\_ Brno. La\_\_\_\_\_ hol\_\_\_\_\_ I we\_\_\_\_\_ around Europe, a\_\_\_\_\_ I vis\_\_\_\_\_ several inter\_\_\_\_\_ places. M\_\_\_\_\_ favo\_\_\_\_\_ city w\_\_\_\_\_ Vienna. It's mu\_\_\_\_\_ bigger a\_\_\_\_\_ more cro\_\_\_\_\_ than Brno. I vis\_\_\_\_\_ several mus\_\_\_\_\_ and a\_\_\_\_\_ galleries bec\_\_\_\_\_ the wea\_\_\_\_\_ was wo\_\_\_\_\_ than i\_\_\_\_\_ Brno a\_\_\_\_\_ I pref\_\_\_\_\_ to st\_\_\_\_\_ indoors. Th\_\_\_\_\_ I we\_\_\_\_\_ to Berlin. T\_\_\_\_\_ people i\_\_\_\_\_ Berlin a\_\_\_\_\_ not a\_\_\_\_\_ friendly a\_\_\_\_\_ the peo\_\_\_\_\_ in Vienna, a\_\_\_\_\_ the to\_\_\_\_\_ was mu\_\_\_\_\_ more expe\_\_\_\_\_ than Brno. B\_\_\_\_\_ I enjo\_\_\_\_\_ staying th\_\_\_\_\_ too. In Aug\_\_\_\_\_ I fl\_\_\_\_\_ to London. Surpri\_\_\_\_\_, London w\_\_\_\_\_ hotter th\_\_\_\_\_ the ot\_\_\_\_\_ cities I vis\_\_\_\_\_. It w\_\_\_\_\_ 35°C wh\_\_\_\_\_ I w\_\_\_\_\_ there. I sp\_\_\_\_\_ a l\_\_\_\_\_ of ti\_\_\_\_\_ on Oxford Street. I\_\_\_\_\_ my opi\_\_\_\_\_, London i\_\_\_\_\_ cleaner th\_\_\_\_\_ Berlin. I enj\_\_\_\_\_ my hol\_\_\_\_\_ very mu\_\_\_\_\_. I wa\_\_\_\_\_ to vi\_\_\_\_\_ Prague a\_\_\_\_\_ Paris ne\_\_\_\_\_ year.

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Then Mr. Taylor had a change of heart. "I'm too old to try to outrun a policeman." So he slowed down and pulled over to the shoulder of the road.

The policeman pulled up behind him, walked to the side of the sports car, and looked down at Mr. Taylor.

"You were going pretty fast there, weren't you?" said the policeman.

"Yes, officer. I'm sorry."

"I see you changed your mind, though."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I'll tell you what. If you can give me a reason for trying to outrun me that I've never heard before, I'll let you go without a ticket."

Mr. Taylor thought for a moment and then answered, "Well, last week my wife left me and ran off with a policeman. I thought you were him behind me trying to return her."

The policeman smiled. "Have a nice day," he said, and he walked back to his car.

### Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False?**

1. Mr. Taylor did not know he was going so fast.
2. He wanted to escape the police.
3. The police caught him.
4. Mr. Taylor was angry.
5. Mr. Taylor lied about his wife.
6. The policeman did not like the story.
7. The policeman gave him a fine.

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It is a well-known fact that there are more men in China than there are women.

I will not try to explain why this is so, but I will tell you about a funny situation that arose from it.

Zhang Mengqian was a student at the University of Electronic Science and Technology. When they were celebrating so-called girls' day at the university, she received a blank card. She was supposed to write a wish on it and put it on a notice board.

She wrote that she was looking for a boyfriend and asked her potential suitors to turn up outside her dorm at a certain time and date and shout her name from under her balcony.

She probably wanted to experience a romantic moment such as when Romeo is standing under Juliet's balcony shouting, "Juliet, I love you." But it wasn't to be.

When she looked out of her window at the appointed hour, there weren't several suitors - there were nearly a thousand men waiting. Surprisingly, only a few of her admirers were brave enough to shout out her name.

### Comprehension Check:

Answer the questions:

1. Where did this happen?
2. Is Zhang a boy or a girl?
3. What did she write on the card?
4. How many people came under her balcony?
5. How many men shouted her name?

**Correct answer:**

1. In China.
2. A girl.
3. She wrote that she was looking for a boyfriend and that those interested should come under her balcony and shout her name.
4. Nearly 1,000.
5. Only a few.

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## Comprehension Check:

**Are these sentences True or False:**

1. The text is about making marmalade.
2. Traffic jams make people happy.
3. Americans spend 40 hours a year making marmalade.
4. The worst traffic jams are in Washington.
5. Drivers in Honolulu spend more than two days a year in traffic jams.

**Correct answers:**

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**Are these sentences True or False:**

1. Gordon went fishing.
2. He went alone.
3. He needed to go to the toilet.
4. He closed the door of the toilet.
5. A black bear came and attacked him.
6. Gordon ran away.
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