

4 Practice file

Working with words

1 Complete the text by finishing the words.

Masai Barefoot Technology

The Swiss engineer, Karl Muller, had the ¹ *original idea* for MBTs when he noticed that walking in Korea with no shoes helped his back pain. Back in Switzerland he started experimenting with shoes that copied barefoot walking. He did some ² *m* _____ *r* _____. After ten years, he completed the ³ *d* _____ of his first shoe, the Schritt Masai (Masai Step), but he did many more ⁴ *p* _____ *t* _____ before it went on the market. When he was satisfied he ⁵ *b* _____ the *p* _____ with the name of an East African tribe, the Masai, who are well known for running barefoot through the bush. He ⁶ *l* _____ the shoes in 2000 and sold 20,000 pairs that year. Since then, Karl Muller has sold over a million pairs of MBTs in 20 different countries in the world.

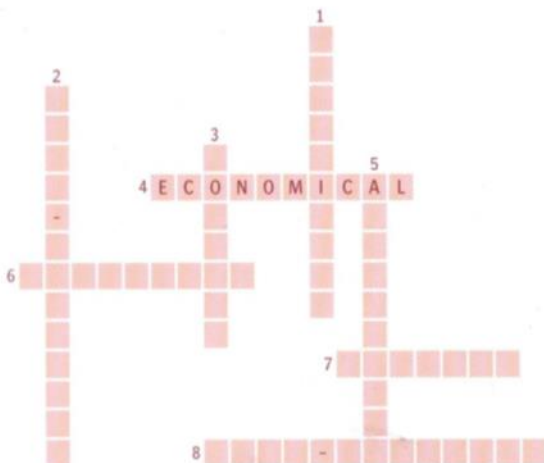
2 Complete the clues to the crossword. Then use your answers to complete the crossword.

Clues across

- Our carpooling system is much cheaper for the staff. It's more *economical*.
- Our new car is much easier to park. It's very _____ for driving in the centre.
- The new reception area looks more modern. It's quite _____.
- They took a long time planning the new model. It's very _____.

Clues down

- The new office furniture is exactly what we needed. It's very _____.
- The operating system on my computer is easy to use. It's very _____.
- Jack's new PDA fits in his pocket. It's quite _____.
- I really like our new uniforms. They're really _____.



Business communication

1 A catering company has done some research into buying a new marquee. Put the sentences in the report about the research in the right order.

- The purpose of our research was to find a new marquee to replace our old ones. We wanted
- Finally, we interviewed the customer and our employees. We asked
- our technicians what they thought of the marquee. We found
- that the T-system was easier to pack and transport than our old ones.
- to the Sales Director who agreed to let us have one on trial.
- Why did we choose the T-system Marquee? Because of its spacious design.
- Then, we took the marquee to our next venue and put it up.
- First, we contacted Bond Fabrications which produces marquees. We spoke
- to find out how easy the marquee would be to transport.

2 A restaurant has done some research into buying new uniforms for its staff. Complete the report about the research using the phrases below.

- Finally We found that We wanted
Then Why do we need We spoke to
First The purpose We asked customers and staff

I'm here to report on our research into companies that make staff uniforms.

¹ *The purpose* _____ of our research was to find a company that creates original designs at a reasonable price.
² _____ to find the best company to design our next set of uniforms.
³ _____ new uniforms?
 Because customers have complained about the appearance of our serving staff, ⁴ _____, we made a list of all the possible companies we could find.
⁵ _____, we chose the top three companies. ⁶ _____ the Sales Department of each of the companies and asked them to send us a sample design.
⁷ _____, three members of staff wore the samples in the restaurant for a week.
⁸ _____ for their opinion of the uniforms. ⁹ _____ the most popular uniform with customers was the one designed by Business Style because of its bright colours and modern design. The staff also preferred this uniform because it was comfortable and easy to wash.

Past Simple Tense Exercises

1) Complete the sentences with the SIMPLE PAST of the verbs in parentheses:

1. They _____ (watch) TV last night.
2. Priscila _____ (talk) to her friends all day.
3. I _____ (have) a terrible headache yesterday.
4. Bob _____ (come) home from school late.
5. They _____ (arrive) late and _____ (miss) the bus.
6. She _____ (study) hard and _____ (pass) the exam.
7. He _____ (call) the office to tell them he was sick.
8. I _____ (speak) to the director as he was leaving the room.
9. Dr. Johnson _____ (get up) early this morning.
10. Mary _____ (do) her homework and _____ (go) to school.
11. Chris _____ (find) a ten-dollar bill.
12. Those students _____ (not work) hard last semester.
13. Lucy _____ (stop) at the corner and _____ (call) us.
14. I _____ (not pay) the phone bill yesterday.
15. My dad _____ (catch) a cold when he _____ (be) in Canada.
16. She _____ (leave) home early yesterday.
17. They _____ (know) each other very well when they _____ (be) kids.
18. The fire _____ (start) while we _____ (be) out.
19. I _____ (meet) some nice people at the party last weekend.
20. We _____ (fly) to the USA on a great airplane.

2) Write questions or negatives sentences:

1. She visited her parents last weekend. Question: _____?
2. He cleaned his room before school. Question: _____?
3. The teacher found the missing exams. Negative: _____.
4. Tom wanted to go to the movies alone. Question: _____?
5. Helena offered Nick a piece of cake. Negative: _____.
6. He knew what to do. Negative: _____.
7. He drank only a coke at the party. Question: _____?
8. Mom made breakfast early. Negative: _____.

3. Correct the information.

Example: Columbus discovered America in 1592.

Columbus didn't discover America in 1592.

He landed on an island in the Caribbean in 1492.

1. Princess Victoria became Queen of the United Kingdom in 1901.

Victoria (not become) queen in 1901.

She (rule) Britain from 1837 to 1901.

2. Shakespeare was the author of the tragedy called "As You Like It".

"As You like It" (not be) a tragedy.

Shakespeare (write) it as a comedy.

3. Julius Caesar died in a war in 44 BC.

Caesar (not die) in a war.

The Roman senators (kill) him in the Senate.

4. Sandro Botticelli created the portrait known as Mona Lisa.

Botticelli (not create) Mona Lisa.
Leonardo da Vinci (paint) it.

5. Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor in India, built Taj Mahal for his oldest daughter.
Shah Jahan (not build) Taj Mahal for his daughter.
It (be) the tomb of his third wife.

6. After the Declaration of Independence in 1776 the United States were colonies of Great Britain.
The United States (not be) colonies of Great Britain anymore.
They (become) independent from Great Britain.

7. Admiral Lord Nelson fought against the French and Spanish at the Battle of Hastings.
Admiral Nelson (not fight) against the French and Spanish.
The battle (take) place near Cape Trafalgar.

8. Nikola Tesla invented the first electric light bulb.
Nikola Tesla (not invent) the first electric light bulb.
It (be) Thomas Edison who patented it in 1880.

9. The Beatles were formed in London in 1960.
The Beatles (not be) formed in London.
They (start) to play together in Liverpool in 1960.

10. Björn Borg won the Wimbledon tennis tournament eight times.
Björn Borg (not win) the Wimbledon tennis tournament so many times.
It was Roger Federer who (become) the winner eight times.

11. The worst earthquake in the history of the USA struck New York in 1906.
The worst earthquake (not strike) New York in 1906.
It (destroy) San Francisco.