

1-Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

- . Carl never (**shifts / admits / keeps**) making a mistake even when it's obvious he's to blame.

- . Janice knew she shouldn't bother her older brother while he was studying, but she couldn't (**blame / kick / help**) herself.

- . Madelyn is always calm and respectful even if her coworkers sometimes (**get carried away / make up for it / get the worst of it**).

- . Dennis rarely thinks of others, but I hope he'll be less (**ethical / moral / self-centered**) as he gets older.

2-Complete the sentences with *who, whom, whose, which, when, or where*. Use each word one time.

- . Community Gardens is a place people can go for peace and quiet.

- . Mrs. Billow is the teacher never lets her students get out of hand.

- . Victoria is a philanthropist organization gives money to animal rescue centers.

- . Paul donated money to Meals on Wheels, made him feel like he was making a difference.

- . There has never been a time we have needed activists more to fight for the rights of the homeless population.

3-Add commas to each sentence that requires them. You may need one, two, or no commas in each sentence.

Example: Jenny who works in my office is an activist.

.....Jenny, who works in my office, is an activist.....

. I shifted blame to my sister after the accident which was wrong.

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. The person who works with me is an activist.

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. Jeff who is in my art class has problems telling the truth.

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. This is the time when we should focus on being honest with each other.

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4-Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verb in parentheses.

. Leslie (cook) a main dish for her culinary class while her
classmate (make) dessert.

. Danny and Josh (not share) responsibilities while
they (stay) at their friend Marco's house.

. I (wait) for my interview while the manager (talk) on the phone.

. I (not study) while my roommates (practice) their class presentations.

5-Circle the past perfect continuous or simple past to correctly complete each sentence.

I **16. (lived / had been living)** in San José, Costa Rica, for a month when I finally **17. (found / had been finding)**

work. I got a job in finance at a bank. On my first day, I **18. (worked / had been working)** with another employee

for more than ten minutes before I **19. (recognized / had been recognizing)** him. His name was Carlos, and we

had taken classes together at college. By the time I **20. (met / had been meeting)** him, he **21. (studied / had**

been studying) in the United States for two years. After we graduated, we lost touch. In San José, we quickly

became friends again and started taking our lunch breaks together. We **22. (ate / had been eating)** together for

two weeks before I **23. (realized / had been realizing)** he had married our classmate Sandra a year ago.

6-Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box. Not all the words will be used.

ever	never	once	recently
so far	still	twice	yet

. Have you thought about changing careers?

. I've been filling out a lot of college applications

My sister has studied photography, but she takes great pictures.

John's been rejected by law school but he's going to try a third time.

. I haven't seen the pictures of your new office.

7-Read the article. Then circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

Life Regrets

Members of the Martin family have regrets about choices they've made. Some of their mistakes were small, and others affected important life events. The Martin's experiences exemplify common mistakes and regrets that many people make and have.

Delilah and Greg Martin have regrets about their work lives. Delilah, 57, wishes that she had followed her passion. She feels she should have tried for her dream job, not just a job to pay the bills. Greg, 56, regrets working too much. He wishes he had spent less time at work and more time with his family and friends.

Regrets about work life can lead to regrets about relationships. In other words, some people, like Greg, regret putting work above the important people in their lives. Greg regrets hours spent at the office as well as spending too much time attached to his phone. He was lucky that he and Delilah maintained a strong relationship despite his decisions. Unlike Greg, many people have regrets when it comes to love. They regret not pursuing someone to whom they were attracted. Others wish they had developed better relationships in the past. Delilah and Greg's daughter Tara, 32, regrets getting divorced. She wishes that she and her husband had tried harder to make their marriage work. Others regret not working things out with a parent or sibling, and some regret losing touch with a good friend.

Tara's brother Vic, 29, regrets not being more open to a new relationship. He says, "I was interested in a woman at work, but my sister was going through her divorce at the time. It affected my view of relationships, so I never asked the woman out or tried to get to know her better." Now he regrets it. He does not regret being there to support his sister, though.

Some people regret not telling a relative how they really felt about a problem in the past. Some wish they had been more honest, and hate wondering what would have happened if they had only told the truth. Others, like Delilah, wish they had shared information with a person from their past. She says, "When I was a beginning teacher, another teacher really supported me. When he had to observe my class, he clapped at the end of my lesson. It meant so much to me and gave me confidence. I really regret not letting him know how much his support meant."

People commonly regret not paying more attention to their relationships with themselves. Greg regrets not exercising more and having a better diet. He says, "I could kick myself for not being healthier and taking better care of my body. I'm trying to do it now, but it would have been easier to start when I was younger." Others wish they hadn't been so concerned about what people thought of them when they were younger.

Greg's father wishes he had taken time to help people. Roger Martin, 85, says, "I really regret being so self-centered. I always made up excuses not to help others. Now I'm not able to do as much as I used to. I don't live near my son and his family, so I pay a teenager to help me with yard work. He often stays after he's done and helps me with my computer. Now I'm able to talk with my grandkids and great-grandchild online. I just can't believe that this teen takes time out of his busy schedule to help me. I wish I had done something like that when I was younger."

There's a saying that goes "It's never too late to be who you might have been." Even if you have regrets like the Martins, the good news is that it's never too late to change! Start doing things now that you WON'T regret in the future!

. The article implies that people often have regrets that are (**unusual / similar / unimportant**).

. Delilah regrets that she didn't (**do what her parents did / follow her dream / listen to her teachers**) when she chose a career.

. Vic wishes he had (**told his boss how he felt about his job / helped his sister through her divorce / told a co-worker he liked her**).

. Delilah regrets a mistake she made with (**her brother / a colleague / her husband**).

. As people get older, other people's opinions about them often seem (**unrealistic / more caring / less important**).

. Roger wishes he had given more (**time / money / opinions**) to others in the past.

Writing Test

Imagine you are applying to college. Write a three-paragraph college application essay. Include information about people who have helped you and ways that you have helped others. Include restrictive and non-restrictive adjective clauses in your writing.

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What is a goal you set recently? Have you achieved the goal yet? Describe your goal and write about what you have done or plan to do to achieve it. Write a six- to eight-sentence paragraph for your response.

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