

# Grammar Review

## A Choose the correct answer.

1. She lived during an age (when / which / where) women didn't have the right to vote.
2. The speaker told the listeners that he'd been in Africa (last month / the following month / the previous month).
3. My eyes are tired. I (have read / have been reading / was reading) for hours.
4. Jack's arm and leg are in plaster. He (could have / must have / should have) had an accident.
5. The wedding invitations (are being printed / are printing / are printed) today.
6. He (hadn't apologised / didn't apologise / wouldn't have apologised) to you if he hadn't felt ashamed.
7. I wish I (wouldn't / didn't / don't) share a room with my sister because we always fight.
8. Mary asked me when (we will see / we would see / would we see) each other again.

## B Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets so that their original meanings do not change.

1. I haven't got enough money to buy a new car. (If)  
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2. They haven't chosen the team yet. (The team)  
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3. "Let's invite the Smiths over this evening." (Jane suggested)  
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4. It's a shame that you can't come to our wedding. (I wish)  
.....
5. I waited for two hours and then I left. (After)  
.....
6. They were angry because you didn't apologise. (If)  
.....

## C Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Most of us <sup>1</sup> ..... (never / be) close to snakes except in zoos, where they <sup>2</sup> ..... (keep) safely in cages. If we saw one anywhere outside a cage, we <sup>3</sup> ..... (be) terrified. But Graeme Gow from Australia isn't scared of snakes. If he was, he <sup>4</sup> ..... (not do) his job. Gow is a researcher whose job <sup>5</sup> ..... (involve) handling all kinds of snakes, even poisonous ones. He <sup>6</sup> ..... (say) to be Australia's greatest snake expert. Incredibly, Gow <sup>7</sup> ..... (bit) 146 times. Some of the bites weren't too serious, but others <sup>8</sup> ..... (can / be) fatal. Luckily, the doctors identified the types of poison. Gow explained that if they <sup>9</sup> ..... (not identify) the poisons, they wouldn't have been able to treat his bites. Gow <sup>10</sup> ..... (tell) us that one of his few fears is being bitten one day by an unfamiliar snake. That could put a very nasty end to his career.

## D Correct the errors in the following sentences.

1. If I was you, I wouldn't spend so much money. ....
2. She announced that she is leaving the following day. ....
3. Our old car, that we want to sell, has got a puncture. ....
4. They said that the house had totally destroyed in the fire. ....
5. We'll go for a trip as soon as you will feel strong enough. ....
6. That mustn't be John. He's travelling in Australia this month. ....
7. I don't like these shoes. I wish I wouldn't have bought them. ....
8. In my opinion, children couldn't watch violent films. ....

## Grammar Review – Answers

- A**
1. when
  2. the previous month
  3. have been reading
  4. must have
  5. are being printed
  6. wouldn't have apologised
  7. didn't
  8. we would see
- B**
1. If I had enough money, I would buy a new car.
  2. The team hasn't been chosen yet.
  3. Jane suggested inviting / that we invite the Smiths over that evening.
  4. I wish (that) you could come to our wedding.
  5. After I had waited for two hours, I left. / After waiting for two hours, I left.
  6. If you had apologised, they wouldn't have been angry.
- C**
1. have never been
  2. are kept
  3. would be
  4. couldn't do / wouldn't do
  5. involves
  6. is said
  7. has been bitten
  8. could have been
  9. hadn't identified
  10. told
- D**
1. If I were you, I wouldn't spend so much money.
  2. She announced that she was leaving the following day.
  3. Our old car, which we want to sell, has got a puncture.
  4. They said that the house had been totally destroyed in the fire.
  5. We'll go for a trip as soon as you feel strong enough.
  6. That can't be John. He's travelling in Australia this month.
  7. I don't like these shoes. I wish I hadn't bought them.
  8. In my opinion, children shouldn't watch violent films.