



**BATTLE FOR BRITAIN
COURSE 1
VRGN-BWLF/10-66
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Mission 3.8. Past Simple

1

Decide if the sentences refer to the past or to the present/future.

1. I did ask him if he would mind if I brought along a friend, but he said no.
2. It's time we left. We'll miss our flight otherwise.
3. Would you mind if I switched over? There's a good film on the other side.
4. I wish I was more able to help.
5. If you didn't want to do it, why didn't you say?
6. I didn't realise you smoked!
7. I'll tell you what - if I was in charge, things would be very different!
8. It's about time the police did something about all the prostitutes and drug dealers who hang around there.
9. I think it'd be better if I spoke to him now rather than later.
10. I'd rather you didn't smoke, if you wouldn't mind.
11. I'd rather have gone somewhere else, but I didn't have much choice.
12. I didn't know you did flamenco dancing.

2

Underline the correct options. In some cases only one is correct, and in others both are correct.

1. As Jonas was introduced to Mrs Lopez, he realised that he had met / met her before.
 2. During the previous week, I had been / went to the gym every evening.
 3. He denied that he had taken / took the money from the office.
 4. I thought it was the best film I had seen /saw in my life.
 5. The boy told me that he had lost / lost his train ticket and didn't know how he would get home.
 6. At the conference, scientists reported that they had found / found a cure for malaria.
 7. The teacher guessed that some of the children had cheated/ cheated in the exam.
 8. She said that she had made up / made up her mind who to vote for, and that I couldn't persuade her to change.
 9. Thomas explained that he had gone / went home early because he felt ill.
 10. When I asked Maria about Jakob, she admitted that she hadn't heard / didn't hear from him for ages.
 11. The waiter took my plate away before I had finished / finished eating.
 12. Julia said she didn't want any dinner. Apparently, she had eaten / ate already.
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3

Write sentences using *It's time you/he/etc.*

Example:

You ought to change your shirt. – It's time you changed your shirt.

1. We ought to take a break.
2. You need to water the garden.
3. You should wash the car.
4. Jenny ought to get up.
5. We haven't been to the theatre for ages.
6. We need to clean the windows.

4

Rewrite the replies, using *I'd rather we/you/etc.*

Example:

'Will you buy the tickets?' 'You buy them.' - I'd rather you bought them.

1. 'Let's talk.' 'Tomorrow.' _____
 2. 'Shall I come at nine?' 'Ten.' _____
 3. 'I'll ask Harry.' 'No, don't.' _____
 4. 'I'll phone Jill tomorrow.' 'Tonight.' _____
 5. 'Let's play bridge.' 'Poker.' _____
 6. 'Let's speak English.' 'Spanish.' _____
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Rewrite these sentences using a suitable phrase from the box, as in the example. Use each phrase once only. Use subjunctive forms if appropriate.

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Example:

Taking the later flight would be preferable for me. - I'd sooner take the later flight.

1. You look awful. Have you been unwell?
 2. If we had the choice, I think we'd prefer to sit near the front.
 3. We really ought to pay the bill now.
 4. Please don't wipe your feet on the carpets.
 5. She isn't a member of the club, but she acts like someone who is.
 6. You should give your parents a call - they must be getting worried by now.
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