**Practice. Part 1.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Task 1.**

Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence to make a meaningful negative alternative. There may be more than one way of rewriting some sentences.

0 I'll accept interruptions from you or anyone else while I'm speaking.

*I’ll accept no interruptions.*

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1. We hope that the soldiers experience a lot of resistance when they enter the city.
2. After the images of the famine, Geldof urged the nation to turn their TVs off.
3. In English, the subjunctive is usuaiiv different from the past tense.
4. My brother's only just started his electronics degree, so he tried to repair the TV himself when it went wrong last week.
5. A great number of songbirds are seen these days, owing to the erosion of their natural habitats.
6. In this modern city you get an impression of life in the pre-Capitalist era.
7. I was willing to help the children, as they had to take responsibility for the schoolwork they brought home.
8. War crimes should be both commonplace and accepted in times of conflict.
9. The estimated fee for the project was unreasonable, but I decided to negotiate further.
10. I think that our company will be offering aid to the disaster zone this time.
11. Sarah has only had a few lessons on the guitar so she's a good guitarist.
12. The new twin-turbo engine generates a lot of noise but is especially powerful.

**Task 2.**

Complete the gaps to make negative questions. Use the appropriate form of one of the verbs from the box to form each question. Some of the questions start with **Why** and you may need to add other words.

***belong buy do give hear join take tell think***

0 'What's Robbie Williams' new single like?'

Haven’t you heard it yet? I'm amazed - it's on the radio every five minutes!'

1. Alice has just applied to join the church choir.'

' to it? I thought she joined last year.'

1. 'Mr Soames from Brent Trading is coming in on the 6th for a lunchtime meeting.' 'Really? your holiday in that week?'
2. 'Oh, you're back. I was just about to do the washing-up.'

' yet? I've been out for three hours!'

1. 'Joe and I are going to the jazz festival on Sunday us?'

'I'm busy on Sunday, I'm afraid, but thanks for asking.'

1. 'Sorry, but I can't come to your dinner party tomorrow. I'm double-booked.'

'.. ? I've already bought all the food!'

1. 'We need to get some flowers or something to take with us to the hospital.'

'Oh, then? I thought you were going to do that during your lunch break.'

1. '… those hair extensions look awful on older women?'

'No, actually, I don't. In fact, I'm thinking of having some put in.'

1. 'I'm afraid we have some problems with the conference scheduled for Thursday as Harriet Ellis may arrive late.'

'Oh the plenary talk first thing in the morning?'

**Task 3.**

For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. This word must not be altered in any way. The exercise begins with an example (0).

0 Sending someone to prison for defending their own property isn't fair.

injustice *Sending someone to prison for defending their own property is an injustice.*

1. Phil claimed that he had no involvement in the pensions scam.

denied

1. If no payment is forthcoming, we will be obliged to remove your connection to the electricity supply.

disconnect

1. Hardly anyone from the housing cooperative showed any interest in joining the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

few

1. The fundamental values of the two religions are fairly similar.

dissimilar

1. It isn't really possible to capture true colours with this type of video film.

hardly

1. It appears that the director deliberately gave the investigators incorrect information, misinformed
2. It's best not to talk about topics like politics or religion on a first date.

avoid

1. The fact that a great area of trees in the Brazilian rainforests has been cut down has had a devastating effect on the ecosystem.

deforestation

1. It isn't often that pop stars make it as actors, but Madonna has achieved this.

rarely

1. Applications in which we are unable to read the writing will be automatically rejected.

illegible

Task 4.

Complete the text using a negative form of the appropriate words from the box.

***advantage available convenience courteous cover credible intelligent legal possible usual***

This rather (1) story from yesterday's news may have escaped your attention.

Customs officials last night (2)… an attempt at (3) … entry into Britain by an (4)… group of immigrants: fleas. The fleas belong to the Cardoso Flea Circus of Australia, who are due to perform this evening at the Edinburgh Festival. The troupe (or the human part of it at least) feels that this is a highly (5)…way to treat artists. They feel that it is (6) … for them to cancel the show at this late stage, so despite the (7) of having lost their star performers, the show must go on. The flea trainer, Wyman Leung, is currently working with an alternative cast of fleas provided by Cambridge and Bristol Universities, although it is a huge (8) … to have to work with ordinary cat fleas, rather than the elite strain of crossed cat and kangaroo fleas that were sent back to Australia. The circus didn't
even bother trying to train the somewhat (9) … pulex irritans - the human flea.

Home Office spokespeople were all (10) for comment.

**Task 5.**

Complete the text below with a word or phrase from the box.

***few may not misleading no no intention not for not only not recognizing not unlike not wishing noncommittal unwilling***

Only a year ago not many people heard of theatre director
Sam Mendes. But since his debut film, American Beauty, won five Oscars in March 2000, (1) … self-respecting cinema-goer would admit to (2) … the name. (3) recent films have received the accolades awarded this film by critics and audiences alike.

(4) … is Mendes one of the youngest first-time directors of a successful Hollywood film, he is also one of the youngest directors to run his own theatre, the Donmar Warehouse in London's Covent Garden. The small entrance and warehouse-type interior of this theatre is (5) … it is (6) … the Royal Court Theatre of a few years ago, a theatre run by actors for actors and audiences, (7) … accountants.

 Initially, Mendes had (8) … of going to Hollywood to direct a feature film, but when Steven Spielberg sent him the script of American Beauty, he was (9) … to turn it down. After his Oscar success, the young director was (10) … about his future. While (11) … to desert his spiritual home, the Donmar, he (12) … be able to resist the temptation of another Hollywood film for long.

**Task 6.**

Find and underline the mistakes in this dialogue. (The first one is given as an example.) Correct the mistakes.

1. Louisa Hi, Martin. What's wrong? You look awful.
2. Martin Oh, I've had that horrible flu. It lasted for ages.
3. Louisa Didn't you go to the doctor?
4. Martin No, I did. I went last week, but my doctor doesn't know / ***Yes, I did***
5. nothing. I asked for that new flu drug - what's it called?
6. Louisa Do you mean Relenza?
7. Martin That's it. I asked but he wouldn't give me none.
8. Louisa Why?
9. Martin He said that the tests haven't hardly proved that it works. ….
10. Not for did he refuse to give me Relenza, but he wouldn't give me …...
11. none other medicine. I think it's because the surgery is over-budget …
12. and he doesn't want to spend any more money!
13. Louisa If that's the case, it's really unhonest! Have you thought about
14. complaining?
15. Martin No, what's the use? Complaints about doctors rarely have an effect…
16. don't they? Anyway, I suppose there's not much you can do about a
17. virus. He said I should drink plenty of fluids and he didn't tell me to
18. go out until I felt better.
19. Louisa How are you feeling now?
20. Martin Not too bad, but I can't taste hardly anything. Well, I think that's an .......
21. effect of the flu and not a problem with my taste buds!
22. Louisa Oh, I don't hope it is! It would be awful not to taste things.
23. Martin I've still got a few chest problems, too. I suppose I should stop …
24. smoking.
25. Louisa What! Have you stopped smoking through this flu, then? You're …
26. crazy, Martin!
27. Martin I know. I guess I'll never be a no-smoker.
28. Louisa Perhaps not. Anyway, it lasts a long time, this flu. Not many people
29. don't appreciate that. You think it's gone and you try to get back to
30. normal, then it hits you again.
31. Martin Yes, you're right.
32. Louisa Look, I must be going. I don't hope it lasts much longer. 'Bye! …
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