

Error Complex verb group Subordinate clause

General Description

Error (7 times)

Inappropriate tense: 6 times (keeping me quite *entertaining*; When I was a child, I *read* a lot more than I do now; I *read* a lot of; I sometimes *watch* some TV; if I've got ... I *would*; Hong Kong people *led* quite a high stress life)

Inappropriate verb form: 1 time (if I *was* to travel, I would)

Complex verb group (6 times)

Present perfect: 4 times

Emphatic 'do': 1 time

Present perfect continuous: 1 time

Subordinate clause (17 times)

Adverbial clause: 10 times

Relative clause: 6 times

Noun clause: 1 time

E-Examiner S-Student

E: I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. Let's talk about what you do. Are you a student?

S: Yeah, I'm a ... currently a student at ... at a university in Hong Kong and I study English there.

E: I'm sorry?

S: I study English there.

E: What will you do with your degree after you've finished?

S: I would ... *since my degree is actually a double degree, which includes an Education degree,*
[SUB-adverbial clause] [SUB-relative clause]

I'll probably go into the education field and be a teacher at local schools and teach English.

E: And let's talk about free time activities. What do you like to do in your free time?

S: In my free time, I tend to watch movies to make myself feel more relaxed. And recently I *have been watching* a TV series called Bones, *which is about forensic science* and it has been quite
[CVG-present perfect continuous] [SUB-relative clause]

entertaining for me and keeping me quite ... **entertaining** during these difficult times.
[entertained]

E: Do you prefer to spend most of your free time indoors or outdoors?

S: I like to spend most ... I prefer to spend most of my free time indoors, **because I'm not really**
[SUB-adverbial clause]

an outdoorsy person, I don't enjoy outdoor activities. However, I **do enjoy** indoor activities such
[CVG-emphatic 'do']

as, reading, **as I mentioned**, watching movies and TV series and that sort of thing.
[SUB-adverbial clause]

E: What did you like to do in your free time when you were a child?

S: **When I was a child**, I **read** a lot more than I do now. I **read** a lot of ... I used to read a lot of
[SUB-adverbial clause] [read (past tense pronunciation)] [read (past tense pronunciation)]

Andrew, Andrew Clements' books, **which were quite suitable for my age**. And also I sometimes
[SUB-relative clause]

watch some TV, YouTube videos of the Disney movies and that sort of thing.
[watched]

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E: What do you plan to do in your free time this weekend?

S: For this weekend I ... **if I've got free time**, I **would** probably re-watch some of the TV
[SUB-adverbial clause] [CVG-present perfect] [will]

series **I watched**, or maybe I'll pick up a new book and read it. **I've got** quite a few actually. I
[SUB-relative clause] [CVG-present perfect]

wanted ... **I've just bought** the book of The Hound of the Baskervilles for the Sherlock Holmes
[CVG-present perfect]

... from the Sherlock Holmes series so that I would like to read that.

E: Let's talk about travel. Do you like to travel?

S: Of course, I love traveling. I actually planned to travel last summer, but due to the COVID-19 situation, I couldn't travel, but **if I was to travel**, I would like to travel to London.
[SUB-adverbial clause] [were]

E: Where do the tourists who come to your country like to go?

S: Tourists **who come to my country** would like to go to a lot of the shopping areas like,
[SUB-relative clause]

for example, Causeway Bay, **which is a more prominent shopping area** and also Cen, Central
[SUB-relative clause]

because Central is one of the business hubs in Hong Kong and a lot of ... there are also a lot of
[SUB-adverbial clause]

shopping malls and a lot of history to be discovered so, these two places would be **where the tourists would like to go when they come to Hong Kong.**
[SUB-noun clause] [SUB-adverbial clause]

E: Is traveling abroad popular in your country?

S: Sure, traveling abroad is quite popular in Hong Kong **because Hong Kong people are rather**
[SUB-adverbial clause]

well-off so basically, they can afford to travel to other places. So ...and also Hong Kong people **led** quite a high stress life, so **if we've got a chance to travel**, we usually tend to travel
[lead] [SUB-adverbial clause] [CVG-present perfect]

somewhere else.

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