

Editing Exercise

In each of the following sentences you have to remove a word or phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct. Identify that word which needs to be removed.

1. 'Where is Samuel?' 'He was working at outside ten minutes ago'.

at

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ago

2. There are more unemployed compared to than ever before.

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3. My grandfather would used to have an old Rolls Royce.

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4. 'She is in a bad mood.' 'Why not you send her some flowers?'

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5. The question is whether the man can be trusted with.

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6. They can't decide whether they should to get married now or wait.

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7. I don't want that woman to come here ever over again.

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8. We are still awaiting for instructions.

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9. I have just been given a lovely picture to.

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10. We were all bought nice presents for.

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11. Do not expect quick results when you start to learning a language.

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12. You need not have to woken me up.

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Answers

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