

THE VERB “RECOMMEND”

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Exercise 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the grammatically correct option for each sentence.

1. My best friend recommended _____ a new hobby to reduce my stress levels.
 - a. me to start b) starting c) to start d) that I starting
2. If you are going to London, I highly recommend _____ this app to find cheap theater tickets.
 - a. that you using b) to you using c) using d) you to use
3. The travel agent recommended _____ to us because it's quieter in the spring.
 - a. the island b) us the island c) to us the island d) that the island
4. It is essential that the tenant _____ the rent on the first day of the month.
 - a. pays b) will pay c) pay d) to pay
5. Can you recommend a good local plumber _____? I have a leak in the kitchen.
 - a. me b) to me c) for me d) to my

Exercise 2: Key Word Transformation

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. "Why don't you talk to your landlord about the noise?" Sarah said to me.

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Sarah _____ to my landlord about the noise.

2. The doctor told him it was a good idea to join a gym. **THAT**

The doctor recommended _____ a gym.

3. I think this book would be perfect for your brother. **RECOMMEND**

I _____ to your brother.

4. He said I should check the expiration date on the milk. **CHECKING**

He _____ the expiration date on the milk.

5. "You should apply for the flat today," she told Leo. **APPLY**

She recommended that _____ for the flat today.

Exercise 3: Error Correction

Identify the mistake in each sentence and rewrite it correctly.

1. I recommend you to visit the botanical gardens while you're here.
2. The instructor recommended me a very effective stretching routine.
3. My mother recommended that he stays at home until he feels better.
4. We recommend to buy the tickets in advance to avoid the long queues.
5. She recommended a new Italian restaurant for us last night.

Answer Key (For Self-Study)

Exercise 1:

1. b (Gerund)
2. c (Gerund)
3. a (Direct object follows verb; "to us" is optional/extra)
4. c (Subjunctive/Base form)
5. b (Prepositional object)

Exercise 2:

1. recommended (that) I talk / recommended talking
2. that he (should) join
3. recommend this book
4. recommended checking
5. Leo apply / he apply

Exercise 3:

1. I recommend visiting... / I recommend that you visit...
2. ...recommended a stretching routine to me.
3. ...recommended that he stay... (Subjunctive)
4. We recommend buying...
5. ...recommended a new Italian restaurant to us.