

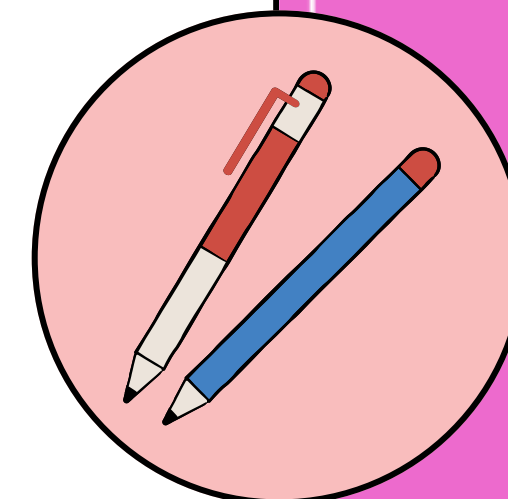
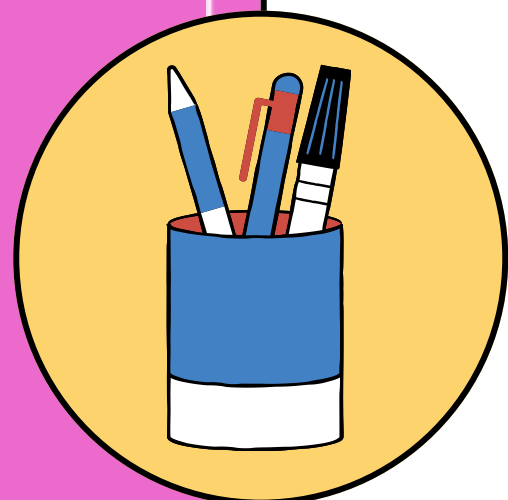
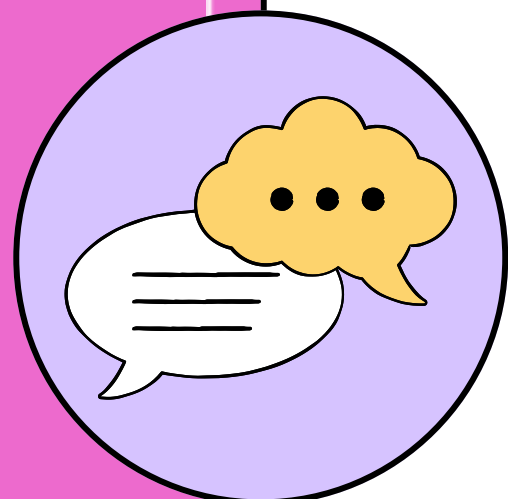


GRAMMAR LESSON



INTRODUCTION TO C1 GRAMMAR

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WHAT IS C1 GRAMMAR?

Compare the following sentences:

Sentence A

I was tired, so I stayed at home.

Sentence B

As I was feeling exhausted, I decided to stay at home rather than go out.

Question:

Which sentence sounds more advanced?

Answer:

Sentence B.

Why?

Because it uses:

- ✓ More precise vocabulary (exhausted)
- ✓ More complex sentence structure
- ✓ A subordinate clause
- ✓ A more natural connection of ideas



WHAT IS C1 GRAMMAR?

B1

I think social media is bad because people spend too much time online.

C1

One reason why social media may be considered harmful is that it encourages people to spend excessive amounts of time online.

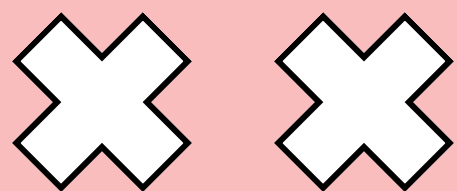
Why is the second sentence better?

Because it uses:

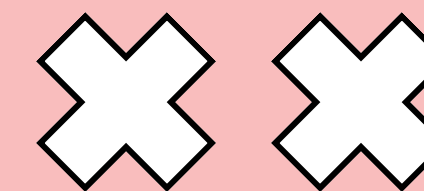
- *Impersonal language*
- *A relative clause*
- *A passive structure*
- *More precise vocabulary*

At C1 level, you should be able to manipulate language rather than simply produce basic sentences.





The Four Principles of C1 Grammar



1. Accuracy

Grammar should be correct.

Incorrect:

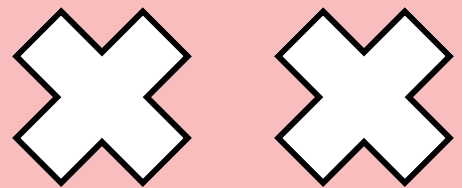
She suggested me to apply.

Correct:

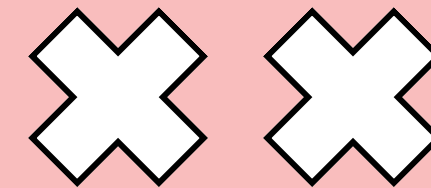
She suggested applying.

She suggested that I apply.





The Four Principles of C1 Grammar



2. Range

Use many structures.

Weak:

I think...

I think...

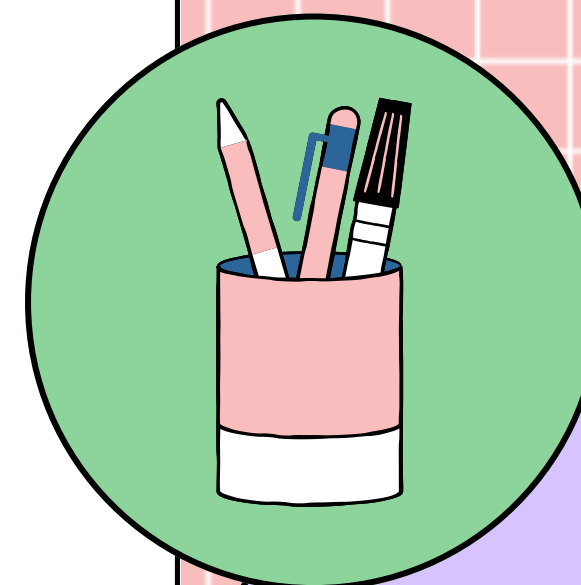
I think...

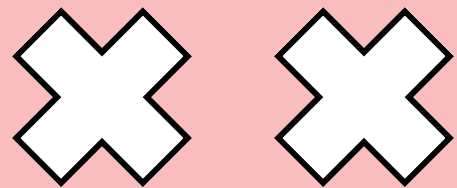
Better:

It could be argued that...

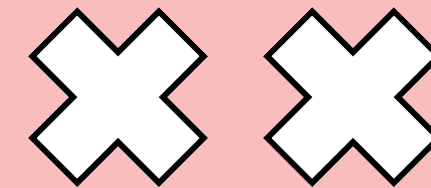
There is little doubt that...

One explanation may be that...





The Four Principles of C1 Grammar



. Flexibility

Express the same idea in different ways.

Idea:

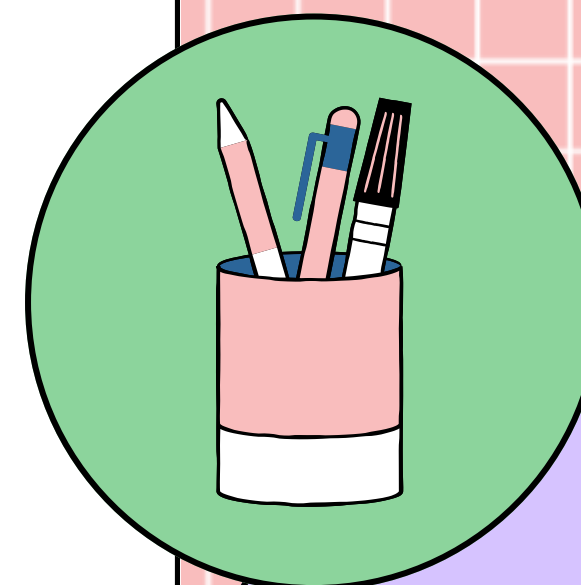
I regret not studying.

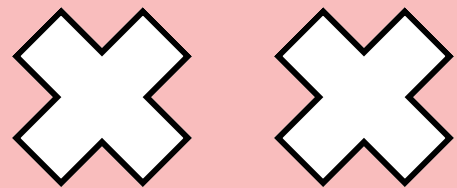
Different ways:

I wish I had studied.

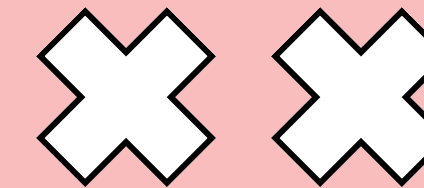
If only I had studied.

I regret not having studied.





HOW IS GRAMMAR TESTED IN THE CAE EXAM?



Reading and Use of English Part 2

Open Cloze

You write one missing word.

Example:

I wish I ____ listened to my parents.

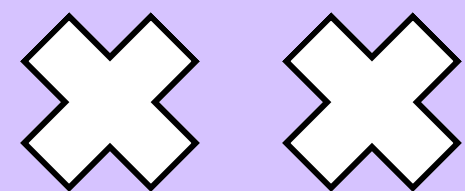
Answer:

had

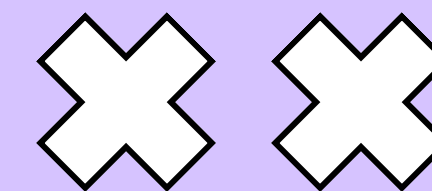
This section tests:

- Articles
- Auxiliary verbs
- Prepositions
- Linkers
- Pronouns
- Fixed expressions





HOW IS GRAMMAR TESTED IN THE CAE EXAM?



Reading and Use of English Part 4

Key Word Transformations

You rewrite sentences.

Example:

I regret leaving university.

KEY WORD:

WISH

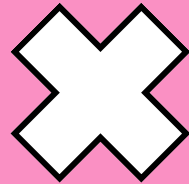
Answer:

I wish I had not left university.

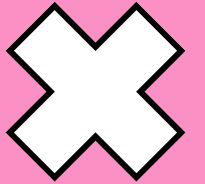
This part tests:

- *Conditionals*
- *Passives*
- *Reported speech*
- *Inversions*
- *Causatives*
- *Modal verbs*
- *Fixed expressions*

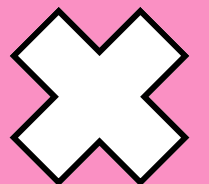
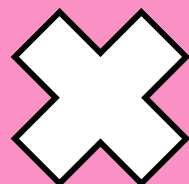


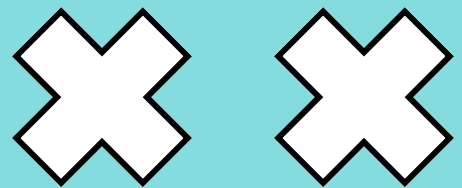


Writing Paper

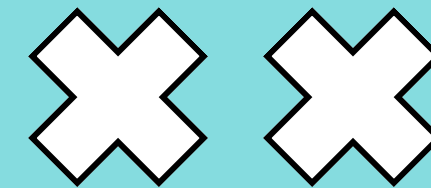


Grammar affects:
Task Achievement
Communicative Achievement
Organisation
Language
Examiners expect:
✓ *Variety*
✓ *Accuracy*
✓ *Complex structures*
✓ *Appropriate register*





Speaking Paper



Students often lose marks because they use only simple grammar.

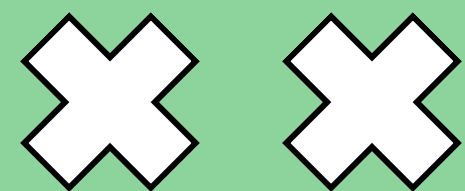
Weak:

I think travelling is good.

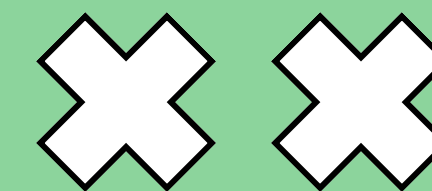
Better:

Travelling can be highly beneficial, particularly because it enables people to broaden their horizons.





WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?



1. Advanced Verb Tenses

Present Perfect:

I have lived here for five years.

Present Perfect Continuous:

I have been living here for five years.

Difference:

Present Perfect:

Focuses on the result.

Present Perfect Continuous:

Focuses on duration and activity.

Example:

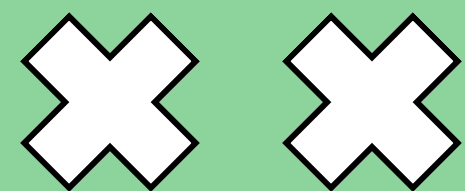
I have written three reports.

(Result)

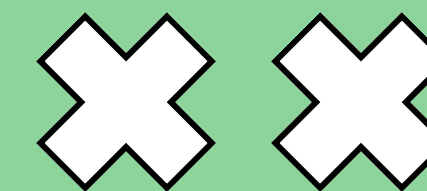
I have been writing reports all morning.

(Activity)





WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?



Past Perfect

By the time I arrived, they had already left.

Use:

An action happened before another action in the past.

Future Perfect

By next year, I will have finished my degree.

Use:

An action completed before a future time.

Future Perfect Continuous

By July, I will have been working here for ten years.

Use:

Emphasises duration before a future point.



WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?

2. Conditionals

Zero:

If you heat water, it boils.

First:

If I have time, I will call you.

Second:

If I had more money, I would travel.

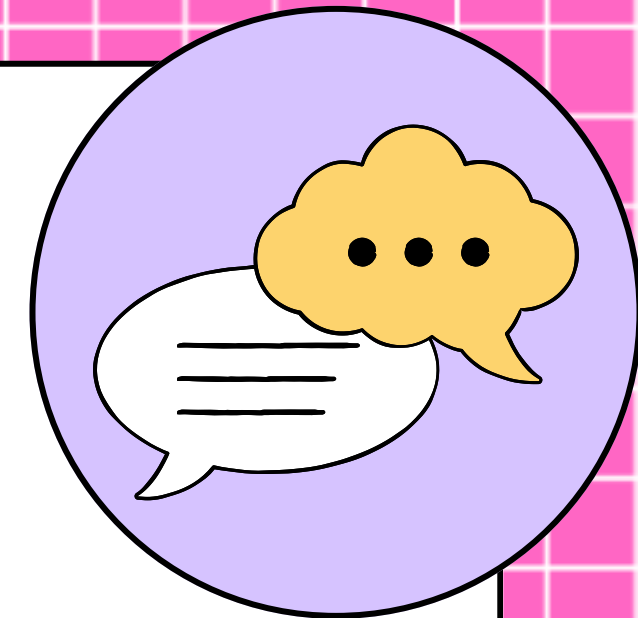
Third:

If I had studied harder, I would have passed.

Mixed:

If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now.

Mixed conditionals are extremely common in CAE.



WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?

3. Modal Verbs

Deduction:

She must be tired.

She might be asleep.

He can't be serious.

Past deduction:

She must have forgotten.

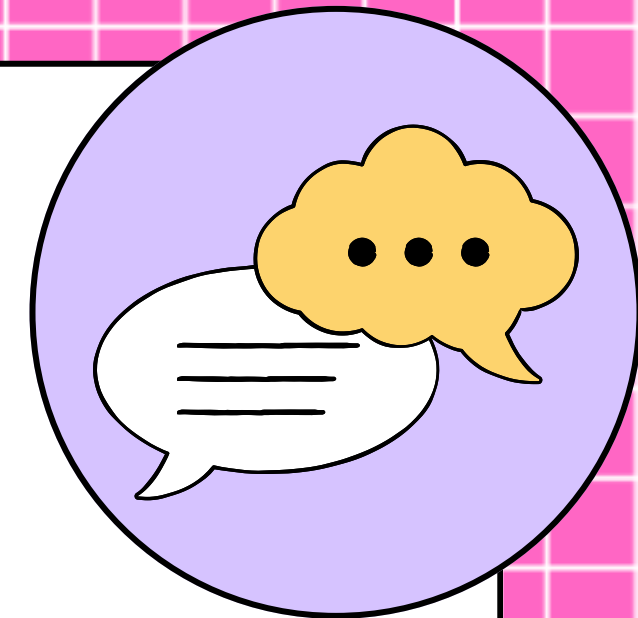
He might have left.

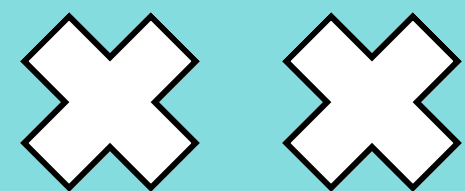
They can't have understood.

Criticism:

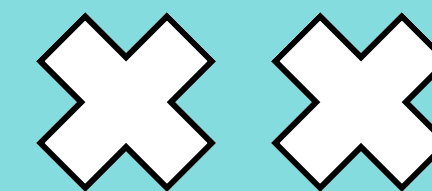
You should have called me.

You ought to have apologised.





WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?



4. Passive Structures

Active:

People speak English worldwide.

Passive:

English is spoken worldwide.

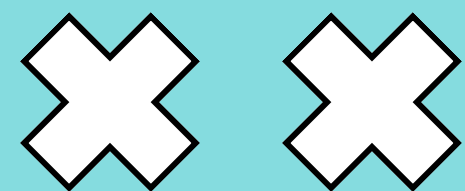
Advanced Passive:

The company is believed to be making huge profits.

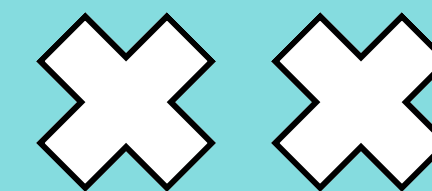
He is said to be living abroad.

These structures are highly valued in CAE Writing.





WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?



5. Relative Clauses

The woman who called is my boss.

The company for which I work is international.

The reason why I resigned was personal.

Relative clauses make writing more sophisticated.



WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?

6. Inversion

Normal:

I have never seen such a mess.

Advanced:

Never have I seen such a mess.

Normal:

I realised the problem only later.

Advanced:

Only later did I realise the problem.

Inversions make writing formal and dramatic.



WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?

7. Participle Clauses

After she had finished the report, she went home.

Advanced:

Having finished the report, she went home.

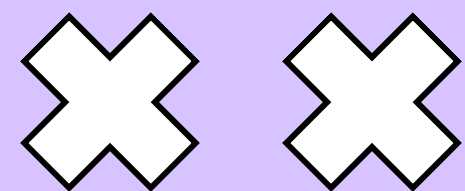
Because he was born in Madrid, he speaks Spanish.

Advanced:

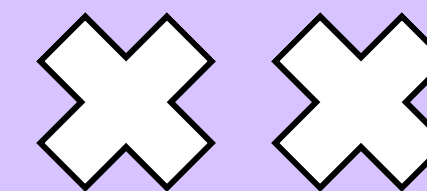
Born in Madrid, he speaks Spanish.

Participle clauses make writing concise and sophisticated.





WHAT GRAMMAR DO YOU NEED FOR C1?



8. Cleft Sentences

Normal:

I need a holiday.

Advanced:

What I need is a holiday.

Normal:

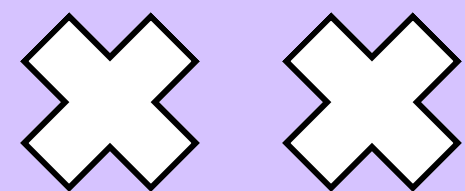
John solved the problem.

Advanced:

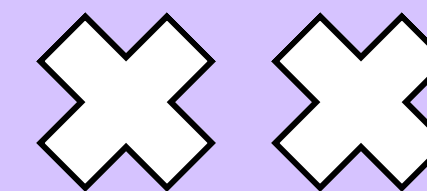
It was John who solved the problem.

Cleft sentences add emphasis.





COMMON CAE GRAMMAR MISTAKES



Articles

Incorrect:

She has good knowledge.

Correct:

She has a good knowledge.

Prepositions

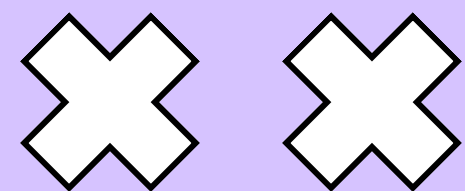
Incorrect:

Depends of.

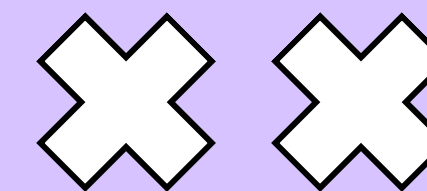
Correct:

Depends on.





COMMON CAE GRAMMAR MISTAKES



Verb Patterns

Incorrect:

I suggested him to study.

Correct:

I suggested studying.

I suggested that he study.

Conditionals

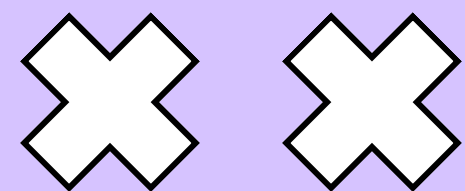
Incorrect:

If I would have known...

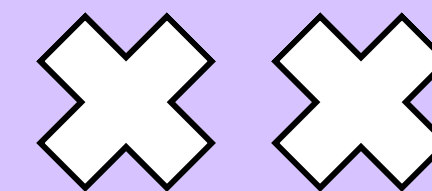
Correct:

If I had known...





COMMON CAE GRAMMAR MISTAKES



Inversions

Incorrect:

Never I have seen this.

Correct:

Never have I seen this.

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Incorrect:

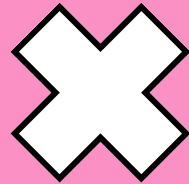
Many informations.

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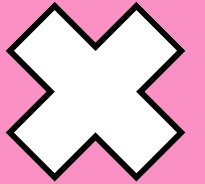
Much information.

A lot of information.





PRACTICE 1 – IDENTIFY THE MISTAKE



Correct the sentences.

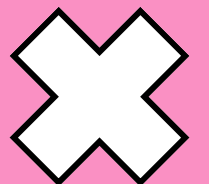
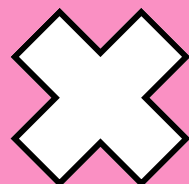
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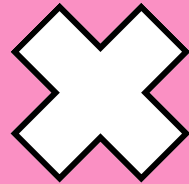
Never I have experienced such stress.

She suggested me to apply.

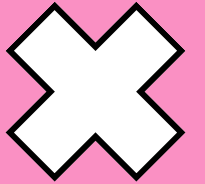
Much people travel abroad.

He must forgot.

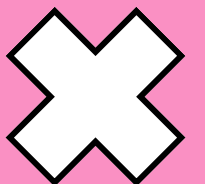
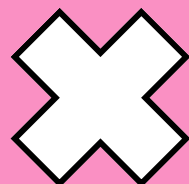


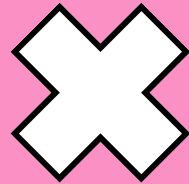


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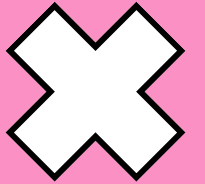


*If I had known, I would have helped.
Never have I experienced such stress.
She suggested applying.
Many people travel abroad.
He must have forgotten.*





MAKE THE SENTENCE MORE ADVANCED



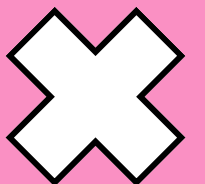
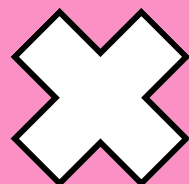
I was tired, so I stayed at home.

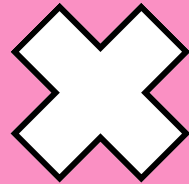
I finished my work and I left.

I regret not studying.

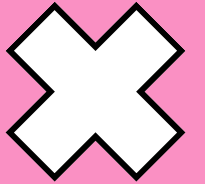
I have never seen such beauty.

People use smartphones everywhere.





MAKE THE SENTENCE MORE ADVANCED



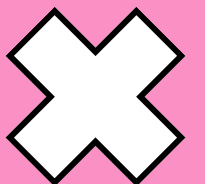
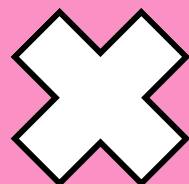
As I was feeling exhausted, I decided to stay at home.

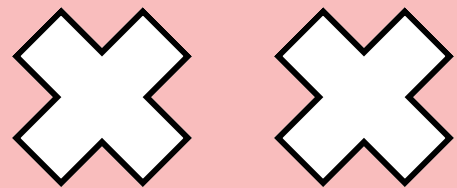
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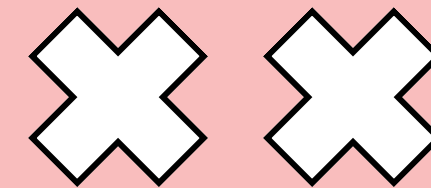
Never have I seen such beauty.

Smartphones are widely used throughout the world.





EXAM STRATEGY



To reach C1, remember these rules:

Rule 1:

Avoid short, repetitive sentences.

Rule 2:

Use a variety of sentence structures.

Rule 3:

Combine ideas using subordinate clauses.

Rule 4:

Use advanced grammar naturally.

Rule 5:

Always ask yourself:

