

# Test Your Grammar Skills

## Understanding Ellipsis 3

**Ellipsis** occurs when we leave out unnecessary words from a sentence. Write each sentence again without ellipsis, and add numbers to show which kind of ellipsis was in each sentence:

	<u>No.</u>
1. Got the time? _____	
2. Best pizza in town! _____	
3. Jenny'd had enough of her boss's bad moods. _____	
4. Wait for me after the lesson – but you don't have to. _____	
5. Want a biscuit? _____	
6. When I bought the software, I didn't know it would be so hard to use. _____	
7. Birdbath Stolen _____	
8. You going to the gig tonight? _____	
9. Get the document from Michael and copy it. _____	
10. Lovely weather. _____	
11. Arthur's friend from Scotland has arrived. _____	
12. Do you live in Bristol? Yes, I do. _____	
13. When relaxing at home, I love wearing some old jeans. _____	
14. Adventure In Space _____	
15. Worked here for years, haven't we, Barry? _____	

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Answers will vary. Sample answers:

	<u>No.</u>
1. Got the time? <b>Have you</b> got the time?	8
2. Best pizza in town! <b>This restaurant serves the</b> best pizza in town!	10
3. Jenny'd had enough of her boss's bad moods. Jenny <b>had</b> had enough of her boss's bad moods.	1
4. Wait for me after the lesson – but you don't have to. <b>You could</b> wait for me after the lesson – but you do <b>not</b> have to <b>wait for me after the lesson</b> .	6, 1, 4
5. Want a biscuit? <b>Do you</b> want a biscuit?	8
6. When I bought the software, I didn't know it would be so hard to use. When I bought the software, I did <b>not</b> know <b>that the software</b> would be so hard to use.	1, 2, 5
7. Birdbath Stolen <b>A birdbath has been</b> stolen.	10
8. You going to the gig tonight? <b>Are</b> you going to the gig tonight?	8
9. Get the document from Michael and copy it. <b>You should</b> get the document from Michael and copy <b>the document</b> .	6, 5
10. Lovely weather. <b>There has been some</b> lovely weather <b>today, hasn't there?</b>	7
11. Arthur's friend from Scotland has arrived. Arthur's friend, <b>who is from Scotland</b> , has arrived.	2
12. Do you live in Bristol? Yes, I do. Do you live in Bristol? Yes, I <b>live in Bristol</b> .	9
13. When relaxing at home, I love wearing some old jeans. When <b>I am</b> relaxing at home, I love wearing some old jeans.	3
14. Adventure In Space <b>We were watching a film called</b> Adventure in Space.	10
15. Worked here for years, haven't we, Barry? <b>We have</b> worked here for years, haven't we, Barry?	8