Homework
Negative Contractions

A. Underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. The exam starts at 9:00. We *mustn't / needn't* be late.

2. I *daren't / doesn't* bring up the topic as I'm frightened it will upset her.

3. You *won't / shouldn't* talk to her that way. What you said was very unkind.

4. She *don't / mightn't* have seen your message yet. You only sent it five minutes ago.

5. Although he looks familiar, I *can't / couldn't* remember his name.

B. Complete the sentences using verbs from the box.

weren't   shan't   doesn't   oughtn't   hasn't   haven't   needn't   isn't   hadn't   don't

1. I …………………………………… seen Tom recently because we've both been really busy.

2. Sid and Jim ………………………………… at the party last night as they had another engagement.

3. You ………………………………… book a table for this evening. The restaurant is never that busy.

4. Sam ………………………………… live here anymore. He moved away last month.

5. We were all worried about Ed because we ………………………………… heard from him for a long time.

6. You ………………………………… to spend so much money; you need to save more.

7. I'm just going to the shop. Don't worry, I ………………………………… be long.

8. We ………………………………… have school tomorrow because it's a public holiday.

9. Gary ………………………………… as tall as his brother is.

10. Sara ………………………………… been at school all week because she has the flu.

C. Match the sentence halves with their endings, underlining the correct words.

1. I decided to order a takeaway because I ………   a. *isn't / aren't* asleep yet. It's only half past six.

2. If we don't leave now, we ………   b. *mustn't / couldn't* get any money out.

3. The cash machine was broken, so I ………   c. *wasn't / weren't* able to go to work.

4. The children ………   d. *can't / won't* make it to the station in time.

5. Harry had the flu, so he ………   e. *didn't / wasn't* have any food in the house.

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Exercise A

1. mustn't

2. daren't

3. shouldn't

4. mightn't

5. can't

Exercise B

1. haven't

2. weren't

3. needn't

4. doesn't

5. hadn't

6. oughtn't

7. shan't

8. don't

9. isn't

10. hasn't

Exercise C

1. e, didn't

2. d, won't

3. b, couldn't

4. a, aren't

5. c, wasn't