Preparatory It Worksheet: It's No Use, It Strikes Me That

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Form	Example
It + be + adjective + to / that-clause	It's essential to book in advance.
It's no use / no good / worth + -ing · There's no point (in) + -ing	It's no use crying. It's worth trying.
It + verb + me + that: strikes, occurs to, seems	It occurred to me that I had forgotten.
Subject + find / consider / think + it + adjective + to / that	I find it hard to concentrate.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I find difficult to concentrate.	I find it difficult to concentrate.
It's no use to complain.	It's no use complaining.
Is important to arrive early.	It's important to arrive early.

1. Complete

Complete with it, there, or the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. It's no use _____ (argue) with him.
2. I find _____ hard to wake up in winter.
3. _____ 's no point in waiting any longer.
4. It's worth _____ (visit) the old town.
5. _____ occurred to me that I hadn't locked the car.
6. She considers _____ rude to arrive late.
7. It's essential _____ (book) a table in advance.
8. _____ strikes me that we need a new plan.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. I find (it / Ø) impossible to say no.
2. It's no good (to ask / asking) him for money.
3. (It / There) is no point in shouting.
4. Is (it worth / worth it) going to the museum?
5. I'd appreciate (it / Ø) if you called me back.
6. It (seems / is seeming) to me that you're right.
7. (It / That) is a pity that you can't come.
8. I take (it / Ø) that you've heard the news.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. I find strange that nobody called.
2. It's no point in trying.
3. It's worth to see that film.
4. Is clear that we need help.
5. It's no use to worry about it.
6. I would appreciate if you could reply soon.

Writing

Write a short paragraph of advice for someone starting a new job (6–7 sentences). Use at least five expressions with preparatory it or there.

Speaking

- What is something you find it hard to do in English?
- Is there anything that's not worth worrying about? Why?
- Tell me about a moment when it suddenly occurred to you that you had made a mistake.
- What do you consider it rude to do in your culture?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 arguing · 2 it · 3 There · 4 visiting · 5 It · 6 it · 7 to book · 8 It

2. Choose: 1 it · 2 asking · 3 There · 4 it worth · 5 it · 6 seems · 7 It · 8 it

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I find it strange that nobody called. · 2 There's no point in trying. · 3 It's worth seeing that film. · 4 It's clear that we need help. · 5 It's no use worrying about it. · 6 I would appreciate it if you could reply soon.

Writing, model answer: Starting a new job can be stressful, but it's worth remembering that everyone was new once. It's essential to ask questions in the first weeks. There's no point in pretending you know everything. I always found it useful to write down people's names. It's no use comparing yourself with colleagues who have been there for years. It strikes me that the best new employees are the ones who listen first.