Basic English 5

Unit 2 Lesson 6 – It's time to let loose.

Complete the paragraph by adding the correct affix to the word in the parenthesis.

1. _____ (move) to another city is fun. You get a chance to know people and even meet new friends. 2. _____ (try) out local food is 3. _____ (interest), too. Although it's 4. _____ (not / convenient) to transfer things from one place to another, it's still 5. _____ (excite). One thing that you need to 6. _____ (consider) before 7. _____ (pack up) is the 8. _____ (secure) of the neighborhood. You need to check if its crime rate is high or low. After all, your 9. _____ (safe) is what matters most.

Introduce today's sentences.

Grammar Focus

- The Usage of "It's (high) time … ":
  - It's (high) time + past subjunctive
  - It's (high) time + (for sb.) to + bare infinitive

Key Expressions

- It's time for us to have fun after finishing loads of work.
- It's time to let loose.
- It's high time we spent some time with our colleagues outside the office.

Listen to the teacher and repeat.

team building

bulletin board

announcement

bombard

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Steve, Aya's Product Design department leader, invites her for a Friday night out along with her colleagues and the marketing department. He then asks her to post an announcement on the bulletin board.

Steve: Aya, it's Friday! Let's have team building together with the marketing department tonight.

Aya: Great! **It's time for us to have fun after finishing loads of work.**

Steve: Yes, **it's time to let loose.** Please do make an announcement on the bulletin board to remind everyone, and make sure to bring Jenny with you. She's still a bit shy around everyone in our department.

Aya: That's sure. Since her inclusion, our team has been bombarded with project after project. We never got the chance to get to know her more. I guess **it's high time we spent some time with our colleagues outside the office.**

Steve: Yes. See you then later, Aya.

Learn the grammar structures.

It's (high) time + past subjunctive

Used to say it is time to do something that <u>should have been done</u> a long time ago.

It's (high) time + subject + past simple
It's high time we **went** on a holiday.

It's (high) time + subject + were
It's high time he **were** in bed. It's late.

What is something you <u>should have done</u> a long time ago?

Usage

1 Express complaint or anger

- It's high time the company **changed** the policy.
- It's high time the President **made** some sound decisions.

2 Give advice or suggestions

- It's high time you **stopped** smoking.
- It's high time we **organized** team building.

Learn the grammar structures.

It's (high) time + to / for

Used to express that something <u>should be done</u> at the present time.

It's (high) time + to

It's time **to revise** our marketing strategies.

It's (high) time + for + to

It's time **for him to meet** our department heads.

What is something you <u>should do</u> at the present time?

Structures

1 It's time + to + bare infinitive

- It's time **to go** to bed. It's almost midnight.

- It's time **to leave**. She's taking so much time.

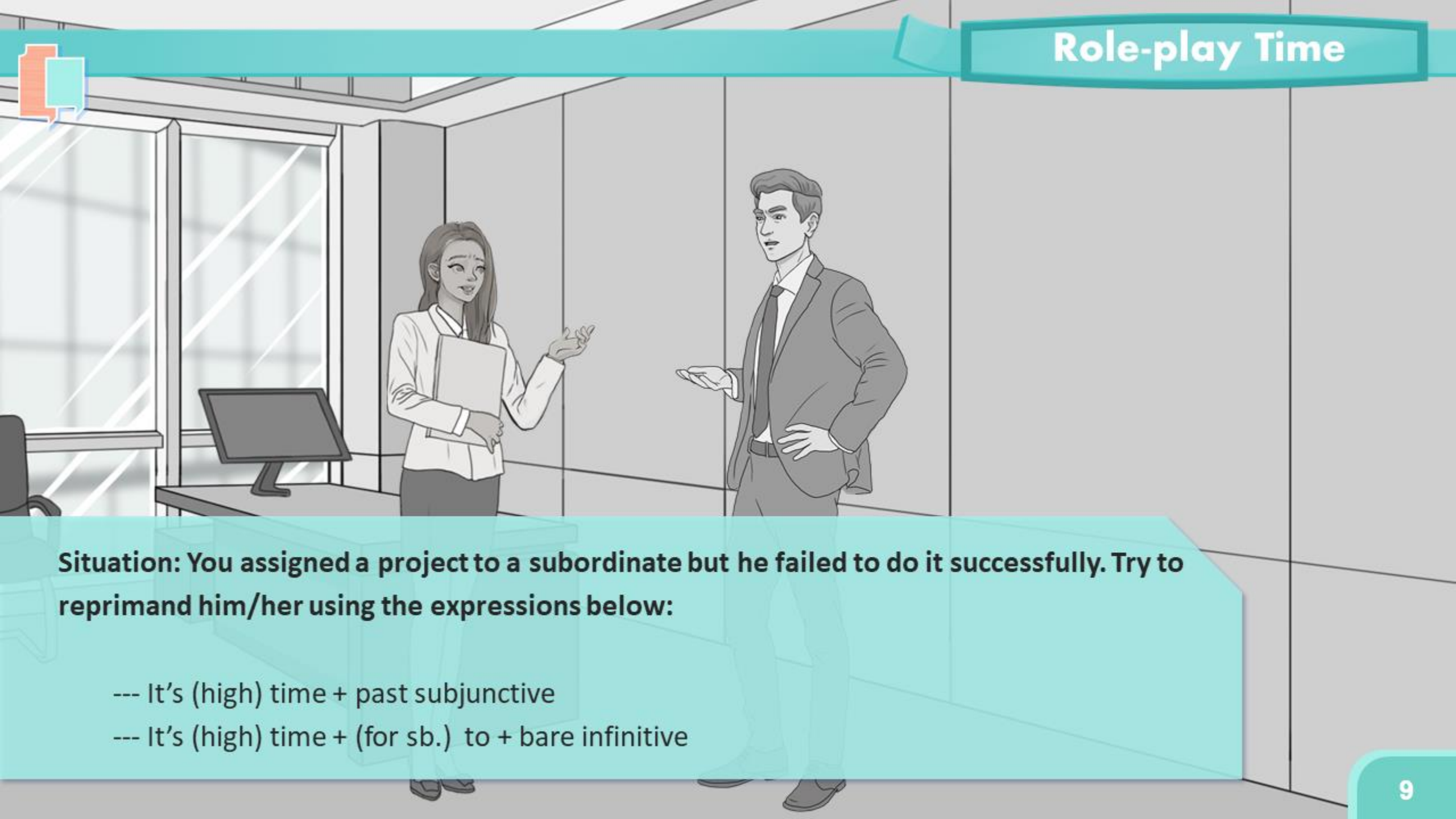**2** It's time + for + noun/pronoun

- It's time **for you to buy** a new pair of jeans.

- It's time **for her to ask for** a raise.

Exercise 1: Change the verbs in the parentheses into its past subjunctive form.

1. It's high time she _____ (be) here. The event has already started.

2. It's high time he _____ (stop) fooling around and _____ (start) looking for a new job.

3. It's high time you _____ (get) a promotion at work. You devoted your whole time to that company.

4. It's high time I _____ (save) money for emergency purposes.

5. Thank you for your hospitality, but I think it's high time we _____ (leave.)

Exercise 2: Write 'It's time to' or 'It's time for' in the parenthesis.

1. _____ her to cook dinner. It's 6:00 P.M.

2. _____ clean the house. The guests are on their way.

3. _____ him to do some exercise. He's starting to gain some weight.

4. _____ enjoy ourselves and have some time off work.

5. _____ me to go home. My mom doesn't allow me to stay out too late.

Situation: You assigned a project to a subordinate but he failed to do it successfully. Try to reprimand him/her using the expressions below:

- --- It's (high) time + past subjunctive
- --- It's (high) time + (for sb.) to + bare infinitive

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Read what we learned today.

Word Focus

team building   notice board

announcement   bombard

Grammar Focus

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