

37 fill somebody in (on something)

Study Read these sentences carefully.

- ▶ Has anyone **filled** the customer **in on** what's happened?
- ▶ There's a slight problem. I'll **fill** you **in on** the details later.
- ▶ If I miss a meeting, Alison always **fills** me **in**.
- ▶ The team need to be **filled in on** the new developments.

Check

Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING

If you **fill somebody in** do you:

- a give them a job?
- b do their job for them?
- c tell them the latest news about something?
- d ask them questions?

GRAMMAR

One of these sentences contains a grammatical mistake. Find it and correct it.

- a Can someone fill me in?
- b Can someone fill James in?
- c Has James been filled on what's happened?
- d Can someone fill him in?

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Practise

1 Put the words in the right order to make a sentence

- a I fill will news you on in the _____
- b me she what filled happened in on _____
- c me the can in details you the on fill meeting of? _____

2 Match each sentence on the left with a suitable sentence on the right.

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| a I'll be back in the office by 12.30. | i I'll fill you in on the details later. |
| b I'm not sure exactly what was agreed. | ii He'll need to be filled in on what we're planning to do. |
| c This is just a short note with the basic facts. | iii Can you fill me in over lunch? |
| d Tim doesn't know much about the project. | iv Nobody has filled me in yet. |

3 Respond to these questions, using a form of **fill somebody in** and any other words you need.

- a Have you heard about what happened in the meeting?
Yes, Alan's _____
- b Is there a problem with my order?
Yes, I'll ask the sales manager to _____

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Build your vocabulary

SYNONYMS To **update somebody (on something)** or to **give somebody an update (on something)** mean the same as to **fill somebody in (on something)**:

- ▶ *Can you **update me on** what's been going on?*
- ▶ *Fred **gave me an update on** the latest sales results.*