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Present and Past Tenses

Exercise 1 Read the following sentences in the third person singular. Do not change the object if it is plural. Note that after certain consonants a final *-es* is pronounced as a separate syllable.

1. They wish to speak to you. (He)
2. Buses pass my house every hour.
3. They help their father. (He)
4. We change planes at Heathrow.
5. You watch too much TV. (He)
6. They worry too much. (He)
7. I cash a cheque every month. (He)
8. I always carry an umbrella. (She)
9. They wash the floor every week. (She)
10. His sons go to the local school.
11. These hens lay brown eggs.
12. Rubber balls bounce.
13. These figures astonish me.
14. Do you like boiled eggs? (he)
15. These seats cost £10.
16. They fish in the lake. (He)
17. Elephants never forget.
18. They usually catch the 8.10 bus.
19. They sometimes miss the bus.
20. I mix the ingredients together.
21. The rivers freeze in winter.
22. They fly from London to Edinburgh.
23. The carpets match the curtains.
24. They realize the danger.
25. I use a computer.
26. What do they do on their days off?
~ They do nothing. They lie in bed all day.
27. The boys hurry home after school.
28. They push the door open.
29. They kiss their mother.
30. They box in the gymnasium.
31. They dress well.
32. Your children rely on you.
33. They snatch ladies' handbags.
34. You fry everything.
35. The taxes rise every year.
36. They do exercises every morning.

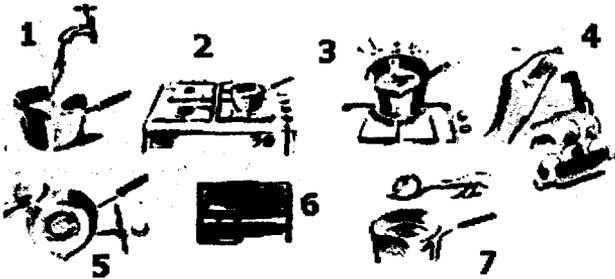
Exercise Read the following (a) in the negative (b) in the interrogative.
In Nos. 2 and 14, *have* is used as an ordinary verb and should be treated as one.

1. You know the answer.
2. He has breakfast at 8.00.
3. He loves her.
4. Some schoolgirls wear uniforms.
5. He trusts you.
6. He tries hard.
7. The park closes at dusk.
8. He misses his mother.
9. The children like sweets.
10. He finishes work at 6.00.
11. He lives beside the sea.
12. He bullies his sisters.
13. This stove heats the water.
14. She has a cooked breakfast.
15. She carries a sleeping bag.
16. He usually believes you.
17. She dances in competitions.
18. You remember the address.
19. She plays chess very well.
20. He worries about her.

- thieves work at night.
21. He leaves home at 8.00 every day.
 22. Ann arranges everything.
 23. She agrees with you.
 24. Their dogs bark all night.
 25. Their neighbours often complain.
 26. Tom enjoys driving at night.
 27. He engages new staff every Spring.
 28. Tom looks very well.

29. They sell fresh grape juice here.
30. He charges more than other photographers.
31. She cuts her husband's hair.
32. They pick the apples in October.
33. The last train leaves at midnight.
34. He relaxes at weekends.
35. She refuses to discuss it.

Exercise 3. Look at the pictures and write the instructions for boiling an egg.



Exercise 4. Write instructions for cooking something else.

Exercise 5. Complete the quotations with the verbs in the box.

come do do get happen hate hate love make sing start teach
wait wash

1. He who can, ____. He who cannot, _____. *G. B. Shaw*
2. It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it _____. *Woody Allen*
3. He's fanatically tidy. After he takes a bath, he ____ the soap. *Hugh Leonard*
4. Opera is when a guy ____ knifed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he _____. *Ed Gardner*
5. Never marry a man who ____ his mother; he'll end up hating you. *Jill Bennett*
6. The brain is a wonderful organ. It ____ working the moment you get up in the morning, and it ____ not stop until you get to the office. *Robert Frost*
7. A man who ____ whisky and ____ kids can't be all bad. *W. C. Fields*
8. The man who ____ no mistakes does not usually make anything. *E. J. Phelps*

9. Everything ___ to him who ___. *Traditional*

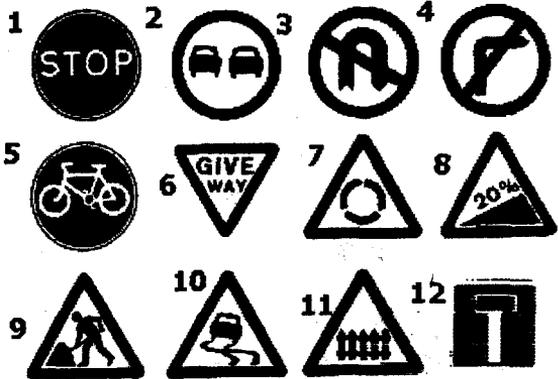
Exercise 6. Some verbs (believe, like, suppose *etc.*) aren't normally used in progressive forms. Use such verbs to complete the sentences.

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| 1. This book ___ to me. | 8. I ___ how old she is. |
| 2. ___ you're right. | 9. She ___ me and I ___ her. |
| 3. ___ you ___ this music? | 10. Money doesn't ___ to me. |
| 4. His father ___ a chain of hotels. | 11. 'Beer?' 'I ___ water.' |
| 5. She says she ___ to see Fred. | 12. I ___ his face, but not his name. |
| 6. I ___ a drink of water. | 13. That bottle ___ petrol. |
| 7. I ___ you don't ___ me. | |

Exercise 7. What do these road signs **say**?



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Exercise 8. Unscramble the quotations. What do these famous people **say**?

Franklin: should, one, to eat, to live, eat, live, not.

Shakespeare: in, vows, calm, forgotten, weather, storm, made, are, in.

Irving: have, minds, others, wishes, great, purpose, have.

Churchill: always, am, like, taught, to learn, I, but, ready, I, being, don't.

Barrie: not, enough, am, to know, I, everything, young.

Exercise 9. Do you know any English proverbs? What do they say?

Exercise 10. Say what is happening to some of the following.

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| 1. the world's population | 9. cars | 17. teenagers |
| 2. you (age) | 10. air travel | 18. unemployment |
| 3. your English | 11. the world's forests | 19. sprinters |
| 4. prices | 12. wildlife | 20. men |
| 5. days (length) | 13. the political situation | 21. women |
| 6. pollution | 14. children | 22. older people |
| 7. roads | 15. cities | 23. people's holidays |
| 8. trains | 16. medical care | |

Exercise 11. Complete the cartoon captions.



“Seems all right. How (your English / get on)?”



“That funny noise (get) louder.”

Exercise 12. Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous tense.

1. She (not work), she (swim) in the river.
2. He (teach) his boy to ride.
3. Why Ann (not wear) her new dress?
4. The aeroplane (fly) at 2,000 metres.
5. What Tom (do) now? He (clean) his shoes.
6. This fire (go) out. Somebody (bring) more coal?
7. It (rain)?~Yes, it (rain) very hard. You can't go out yet.
8. Why you (mend) that old shirt?

9. You (not tell) the truth. ~ How do you know that I (not tell) the truth?
10. Who (move) the furniture about upstairs? ~ It's Tom. He (paint) the front bedroom.
11. Mrs Jones (sweep) the steps outside her house.
12. What you (read) now? I (read) *Crime and Punishment*.
13. It is a lovely day. The sun (shine) and the birds (sing).
14. Someone (knock) at the door. Shall I answer it? ~I (come) in a minute. I just (wash) my hands.
15. She always (ring) up and (ask) questions.
16. Why you (make) a cake? Someone (come) to tea?
17. Where is Tom? ~ He (lie) under the car.
18. Can I borrow your pen or you (use) it at the moment?
19. You (do) anything this evening? ~ No, I'm not. ~ Well, I (go) to the cinema. Would you like to come with me?
20. We (have) breakfast at 8.00 tomorrow as Tom (catch) an early train.
21. Ann usually does the shopping, but I (do) it today as she isn't well.
22. Why you (type) so fast? You (make) a lot of mistakes.
23. Mother (rest) now. She always rests after lunch.
24. They (dig) an enormous hole just outside my gate. ~ What they (do) that for? ~ I don't know. Perhaps they (look) for oil.
25. What (make) that terrible noise? ~ It's the pneumatic drill. They (repair) the road.
26. The children are very quiet. Go and see what they (do). ~ They (cut) up some £5 notes.
27. What you (wait) for? ~ I (wait) for my change; the boy just (get) it.
28. I can't hear what you (say); the traffic (make) too much noise.
29. She always (lose) her glasses and (ask) me to look for them.
30. Mother: What you (look) at? Something (happen) in the street?
31. Child: Yes. The house opposite is on fire! Come and look.
32. Mother: I can't. I (bath) the babies. Is the Fire Brigade here?
33. Child: Yes. Fire engines (rush) up and the firemen (jump) out and (unroll) their hoses.
34. Smoke (pour) from the windows! People (stop) to watch. A policeman (try) to move them on.
35. An old man (climb) out of a first floor window! A fireman (help) him! Two boys (slide) down a rope!
36. A woman (wave) from the attic and a fireman (go) up a ladder to help her! Now he (come) down again! He (carry) a baby! The crowd (cheer!)

Exercise 13. Here are some exchanges from an interview between an American journalist and a French film star. Can you complete them with the correct tenses?

1. 'How do you start work on a film?'
2. 'I (read) the script and (make) notes.'
3. 'I (make) notes of our interview. I hope you don't mind.'
4. 'No, that's OK.'
5. 'What languages (you speak)?'
6. 'English, French and Spanish.'
'I'm glad we (do) this interview in English. My French isn't very good.'
7. 'Who (play) that guitar?'
8. 'My son, when he has time.'
9. 'Who (play) the piano upstairs?'
10. 'My sister. She's got a concert tomorrow.'
11. 'What (she play)?'
12. 'I think it's a piece by Mozart.'
13. '(She play) anything else?'
14. 'The violin. She's very musical.'
15. 'Your daughter's very keen on sport, isn't she?'
16. 'She (play) tennis.'
17. 'Where is she now?'
18. 'She (play) tennis, as usual.'
19. 'What's that delicious smell?'
20. 'My husband (cook).'
21. 'Is that usual?'
22. 'Yes, normally I (shop) and my husband (cook).'
23. 'What a lovely clock!'
24. 'It (not work), I'm afraid ~ it's been broken for years.'
25. 'Could I use your phone?'
26. 'I'm afraid it (not work) at the moment.'

Exercise 14. Choose the correct forms of the cartoon captions.



'Of course, he still has his hobby.
He (collects / is collecting) dust.'



'So (how's everything going /
how does everything go)?'

Exercise 15. Put the story in order and put in the correct forms of the verbs.

ask close go hold keep notice open say sit start take
throw work

- The man ___ another orange out of his bag and ___ opening the window.
- 'But there are no elephants in these mountains,' ___ the woman.
- Suddenly the man ___ the window, ___ out the orange and ___ the window again.
- 'Because we ___ through the mountains. Oranges ___ the elephants away.'
- A woman ___ in a railway carriage when she ___ that the man opposite her ___ an orange in his hand and looking out of the window.'
- 'You see?' says the man. 'It ___.'
- 'Excuse me,' the woman ___, 'but why did you do that?'

Exercise 16. Choose the correct form (simple present or present continuous).

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| 1. I (have) a great time. | 6. It (look) as if it's going to rain. |
| 2. She (have) plenty of money just now. | 7. I (see) what you're trying to say. |
| 3. He (appear) at the Fortune Theatre next week. | 8. I (see) the manager this afternoon. |
| 4. She (appear) to have a problem. | 9. I (think) you're right. |
| 5. Why (you look) at me like that? | 10. What (you think) about? |
| | 11. I (feel) very tired today. |
| | 12. I (feel) she's making a mistake. |

Exercise 17. Here are some sentences taken from real conversations. Can you put the beginnings and ends together?

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Dad is always teasing me	a party in one of the houses.
He's always arguing	about my clothes.
He's always giving people	and chest problems.
Her best friend is always dropping in	her family.
I hate those cartoons	new products.
Jamie is always having colds	or fighting.
My wife's always buying	she wishes she was prettier.
She's always criticising	small presents.
She's always saying	to criticise the way she lives her life.
Someone is always giving	where Tom is always chasing Jerry.

Exercise 18. Use this structure to write sentences describing people you know who often do some of the following things (or others):

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| 1. worry about nothing | 7. fall in love |
| 2. lose their temper | 8. change their job |
| 3. lose things | 9. buy new clothes |
| 4. complain about their health | 10. quarrel |
| 5. forget things | 11. talk nonsense |
| 6. cry | |

Exercise 19. Match the questions and answers.

1. What do you do?	a. Actually, that's the radio.
2. What are you doing?	b. French – she's from Belgium.
3. Where do you work?	c. I want to get this car started.
4. Where are you working?	d. I'm an architect.
5. Does your son play the violin?	e. I'm in Cardiff this week.
6. Is your son playing the violin?	f. In a big insurance company.
7. What language does she speak?	g. It sounds like Russian.
8. What language is she speaking?	h. Me – can I have some more?
9. Who drinks champagne?	i. Me, when I can afford it.
10. Who's drinking champagne?	j. No, the piano.

Exercise 20. Put in the correct tense (simple present or present continuous).

- I (think) he's away.
- You (know) what I (mean).
- She always (complain).
- We always (start) at nine.
- While the butter (melt), you (take) three eggs and (break) them into a bowl.
- I (think) about your father.
- Scientists (believe) the weather (change).
- I (not see) what the problem is.
- Why (you look) at me like that?
- Now I (understand) what she wants.

Exercise 21. Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous tense.

- Cuckoos (not build) nests. They (use) the nests of other birds.
- You can't see Tom now: he (have) a bath.
- He usually (drink) coffee but today he (drink) tea.
- What she (do) in the evenings? ~ She usually (play) cards or (watch) TV.
- I won't go out now as it (rain) and I (not have) an umbrella.
- The last train (leave) the station at 11.30.

7. He usually (speak) so quickly that I (not understand) him.
8. Ann (make) a dress for herself at the moment. She (make) all her own clothes.
9. Hardly anyone (wear) a hat nowadays.
10. I'm afraid I've broken one of your coffee cups. ~ Don't worry. I (not like) that set anyway.
11. I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.
12. Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt (read) it.
13. I'm busy at the moment. I (redecorate) the sitting room.
14. The kettle (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?
15. You (enjoy) yourself or would you like to leave now? ~ I (enjoy) myself very much. I (want) to stay to the end.
16. How you (get) to work as a rule? ~ I usually (go) by bus but tomorrow I (go) in Tom's car.
17. Why you (put) on your coat? ~ I (go) for a walk. You (come) with me? ~ Yes, I'd love to come. You (mind) if I bring my dog?
18. How much you (owe) him? ~ I (owe) him £5. ~ You (intend) to pay him?
19. You (belong) to your local library? ~ Yes, I do. ~ You (read) a lot? ~ Yes, quite a lot. ~ How often you (change) your books? ~ I (change) one every day.
20. Mary usually (learn) languages very quickly but she (not seem) able to learn modern Greek.
21. I always (buy) lottery tickets but I never (win) anything.
22. You (like) this necklace? I (give) it to my daughter for her birthday tomorrow.
23. I won't tell you my secret unless you (promise) not to tell anyone. ~ I (promise).
24. You always (write) with your left hand?
25. You (love) him? ~ No, I (like) him very much but I (not love) him.
26. You (dream) at night? ~ Yes, I always (dream) and if I (eat) too much supper I (have) nightmares.
27. The milk (smell) sour. You (keep) milk a long time?
28. These workmen are never satisfied; they always (complain).
29. We (use) this room today because the window in the other room is broken.
30. He always (say) that he will mend the window but he never (do) it.
31. You (know) why an apple (fall) down and not up?
32. You (write) to him tonight? ~ Yes, I always (write) to him on his birthday. You (want) to send any message?
33. Tom and Mr Pitt (have) a long conversation. I (wonder) what they (talk) about.
34. You (believe) all that the newspapers say? ~ No, I (not believe) any of it. ~ Then why you (read) newspapers?
35. This car (make) a very strange noise. You (think) it is all right? ~ Oh, that noise (not matter). It always (make) a noise like that.

36. The fire (smoke) horribly. I can't see across the room. ~ I (expect) that birds (build) a nest in the chimney. ~ Why you (not put) wire across the tops of your chimneys? ~ Tom (do) that sometimes but it (not seem) to make any difference.

Exercise 22. Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or present continuous tense.

1. What Tom (think) of the Budget? ~ He (think) it most unfair. ~ I (agree) with him.
2. What this one (cost)? ~ It (cost) forty pence.
3. You (hear) the wind? It (blow) very strongly tonight.
4. You (see) my car keys anywhere? ~ No, I (look) for them but I (not see) them.
5. He never (listen) to what you say. He always (think) about something else.
6. This book is about a man who (desert) his family and (go) to live on a Pacific island.
7. You (understand) what the lecturer is saying? ~ No, I (not understand) him at all.
8. What you (have) for breakfast usually? ~ I usually (eat) a carrot and (drink) a glass of cold water.
9. When the curtain (rise) we (see) a group of workers. They (picket) a factory gate.
10. Why you (walk) so fast today? You usually (walk) quite slowly. ~ I (hurry) because I (meet) my mother at 4 o'clock and she (not like) to be kept waiting.
11. I (wish) that dog would lie down. He (keep) jumping up on my lap. ~ I (think) he (want) to go for a walk.
12. You (recognize) that man? ~ I (think) that I have seen him before but I (not remember) his name.
13. Look at that crowd. I (wonder) what they (wait) for.
14. This message has just arrived and the man (wait) in case you (want) to send a reply.
15. Stop! You (not see) the notice? ~ I (see) it but I can't read it because I (not wear) my glasses. What it (say)? ~ It (say) 'These premises are patrolled by guard dogs'.
16. She always (borrow) from me and she never (remember) to pay me back.
17. You (need) another blanket or you (feel) warm enough?
18. It (save) time if you (take) the path through the wood? ~ No, it (not matter) which path you take.
19. I (save) up because I (go) abroad in July.
20. I (think) it is a pity you don't take more exercise. You (get) fat.
21. The plane that you (look) at now just (take) off for Paris.
22. Tom never (do) any work in the garden; he always (work) on his car.

23. What he (do) to his car now? ~ I (think) he (polish) it.
24. That film (come) to the local cinema next week. You (want) to see it?
25. How Peter (get) on at school? ~ Very well. He (seem) to like the life.
26. Why Mrs Pitt (look) so angry? ~ Mr Pitt (smoke) a cigarette and (drop) the ash on the carpet.
27. This is our itinerary. We (leave) home on the 8th, (arrive) in Paris on the 9th, (spend) the day in Paris, and (set) out that night for Venice. ~ That (sound) most interesting. You must tell me all about it when you (get) back.
28. This story is about a boy who (make) friends with a snake which he (find) in his garden. Then he (go) away but he (not forget) the snake and some years later he (return) and (look) for it.
29. He (find) the snake who (recognize) its old friend and (coil) round him affectionately. But, unfortunately, the snake is by now a full-grown boa-constrictor and its embrace (kill) the poor boy.
30. The snake (feel) sorry about this? ~ I (not know). The story (end) there.
31. How you (end) a letter that (begin) 'Dear Sir'? ~ I always (put) 'Yours truly', but Tom (prefer) 'Yours faithfully'.
32. What the word 'catastrophe' (mean)? ~ It (mean) 'disaster'.
33. What you (wait) for? ~ I (wait) for the shop to open. ~ But it (not open) till 9.00. ~ I (know) but I (want) to be early, as their sale (start) today.
34. Why you (smoke) a cigar, Mrs Pitt? You (not smoke) cigars as a rule. ~ I (smoke) it because I (want) the ash. This book (say) that cigar ash mixed with oil (remove) heat stains from wood.
35. Who (own) this umbrella? ~ I (not know). Everybody (use) it but nobody (know) who (own) it.
36. You (mind) if I (ask) you a question? ~ That (depend) on the question. ~ It (concern) your brother. ~ I (refuse) to answer any question about my brother.

Exercise 23. Put the verbs in the following sentences into **the simple past tense**.

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| 1. I go to work by bus. | 12. I see him every day. |
| 2. I meet her on Tuesdays. | 13. Tom sings in the choir. |
| 3. He always wears black. | 14. He cries when he is hurt. |
| 4. I make cakes every week. | 15. Who knows the answer? |
| 5. She gets up at 6.30. | 16. I think I know it. |
| 6. He understands me. | 17. The curtain rises at 8.00. |
| 7. He shuts the shop at 6.00. | 18. He takes the dog out twice a day. |
| 8. She speaks slowly. | 19. We buy them here. |
| 9. He leaves the house at 9.00. | 20. I dream every night. |
| 10. I read a chapter every night. | 21. Bluetits often lay eggs in that nesting box. |
| 11. You eat too much. | |

22. He often feels ill.
23. I know what he wants.
24. I usually pay him £5.
25. His dog always bites me.
26. It smells odd.
27. It costs 30p.
28. My back hurts.
29. I lie down after lunch.

30. We drink water.
31. His roses grow well.
32. He rides every day.
33. He often falls off.
34. These dogs fight whenever they meet.
35. He puts up his prices every year.
36. He sleeps badly.

Exercise 24. Put the verbs in the following sentences into (a) the negative (b) the interrogative.

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| 1. She saw your brother. | 20. They flew to New York. |
| 2. We heard a terrible noise. | 21. Ann drew you a map. |
| 3. He slept till 10.00. | 22. Tom laid the table. |
| 4. He looked at the picture. | 23. Mr Pitt fell downstairs. |
| 5. They drank all the wine. | 24. She lost her way. |
| 6. They set out early enough. | 25. He forbade her to leave. |
| 7. She thought about it. | 26. I sent it to the laundry. |
| 8. The police caught the thief. | 27. Jack kept the money. |
| 9. He hid the letter. | 28. He rode slowly. |
| 10. She found her watch. | 29. They spent it all. |
| 11. His nose bled. | 30. She sold the car. |
| 12. My mother chose this hotel. | 31. Jean rang the bell. |
| 13. She lent you enough money. | 32. The sun rose at 6.00. |
| 14. Keiko taught Japanese. | 33. The boys ran home. |
| 15. Tom hurt his foot. | 34. He shook the bottle. |
| 16. He broke his arm. | 35. He forgave her. |
| 17. His wife came at 8.00. | 36. They broadcast an appeal for money. |
| 18. He lost his wallet. | |
| 19. His son wrote a novel. | |

Exercise 25. Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous tense and match the parts of the sentences.

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| 1. Are you going to Rome? | A. ~ What they (fight) about? ~ Nobody seemed to know. |
| 2. As she (climb) the ladder | B. and men (carry) the injured people to an ambulance. |
| 3. From the sounds it was clear that | C. and the audience (clap). |
| 4. He said that he was the captain of a ship | D. and the candidates (write) their |
| 5. He usually wears sandals | |

6. He was a little mad.
 7. He watched the children for a moment.
 8. I went into the garden to see what the boys (do).
 9. It was a fine day and the roads were crowded
 10. She (stand) at the bus stop.
 11. The car had nobody in it
 12. The children were frightened
 13. The director didn't allow the actors to travel by air
 14. The exam had just begun
 15. The house was in great disorder
 16. The traffic (make) so much noise
 17. There had been an accident
 18. There was a strong smell and the sound of frying.
 19. Tom (sit) in a corner with a book.
 20. Tom ate nothing for lunch because he (diet).
 21. Two men (fight) at a street corner and a policeman (try) to stop them.
 22. When I arrived at the meeting the first speaker had just finished speaking
 23. When I first met him
 24. While he (learn) to drive
 25. While we (fish)
 26. Who you (talk) to on the telephone as I came in?
- names at the top of their papers.
 - E. because a lot of people (rush) to the seaside.
 - F. because he (redecorate) it.
 - G. because it (get) dark.
 - H. but the engine (run).
 - I. but when I last saw him he (wear) boots.
 - J. he (work) in a restaurant.
 - K. He always (try) to prove that the earth was flat.
 - L. he had twenty-five accidents.
 - M. He said that he (try) to lose 10 kilos.
 - N. I (talk) to Mr Pitt.
 - O. I asked her what bus she (wait) for.
 - P. I thought that you (go) to Milan.
 - Q. I told him that he (read) in very bad light.
 - R. it slipped sideways and she fell off it.
 - S. James (weed) and Alexander (cut) the grass.
 - T. Mary (practise) the piano.
 - U. Obviously Mrs Jones (cook) fish.
 - V. Some of them (bathe) in the sea, others (look) for shells, others (play) in the sand.
 - W. someone came to the house and left this note.
 - X. that I couldn't hear what he (say).
 - Y. which (sail) that night for Marseilles.
 - Z. while they (work) on the film.

Exercise 26. Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past continuous tense.

1. I lit the fire at 6.00 and it (burn) brightly when Tom came in at 7.00.
2. When I arrived the lecture had already started and the professor (write) on the overhead projector.
3. I (make) a cake when the light went out. I had to finish it in the dark.

4. I didn't want to meet Paul so when he entered the room I (leave).
5. Unfortunately when I arrived Ann just (leave), so we only had time for a few words.
6. He (watch) TV when the phone rang. Very unwillingly he (turn) down the sound and (go) to answer it.
7. He was very polite. Whenever his wife entered the room he (stand) up.
8. The admiral (play) bowls when he received news of the invasion. He (insist) on finishing the game.
9. My dog (walk) along quietly when Mr Pitt's Pekinese attacked him.
10. When I arrived she (have) lunch. She apologized for starting without me but said that she always (lunch) at 12.30.
11. He always (wear) a raincoat and (carry) an umbrella when he walked to the office.
12. What you (think) of his last book? ~ I (like) it very much.
13. I (share) a flat with him when we were students. He always (complain) about my untidiness.
14. He suddenly (realize) that he (travel) in the wrong direction.
15. He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw) out a bucket of water.
16. I just (open) the letter when the wind (blow) it out of my hand.
17. The burglar (open) the safe when he (hear) footsteps. He immediately (put) out his torch and (crawl) under the bed.
18. When I (look) for my passport I (find) this old photograph.
19. You looked very busy when I (see) you last night. What you (do)?
20. The boys (play) cards when they (hear) their father's step. They immediately (hide) the cards and (take) out their lesson books.
21. He (clean) his gun when it accidentally (go) off and (kill) him.
22. He (not allow) us to go out in the boat yesterday as a strong wind (blow).
23. As I (cross) the road I (step) on a banana skin and (fall) heavily.
24. I still (lie) on the road when I (see) a lorry approaching.
25. Luckily the driver (see) me and (stop) the lorry in time.
26. How you (damage) your car so badly? ~I (run) into a lamp-post yesterday. ~ I suppose you (drive) too quickly or were not looking where you (go).
27. As he (get) into the bus it (start) suddenly and he (fall) backwards on to the road.
28. I (call) Paul at 7.00 but it wasn't necessary because he already (get) up.
29. When he (mend) the fuse he (get) a very bad shock.
30. When I (hear) his knock I (go) to the door and (open) it, but I (not recognize) him at first because I (not wear) my glasses.

31. When I came in they (sit) round the fire. Mr Pitt (do) a crossword puzzle, Mrs Pitt (knit), the others (read). Mrs Pitt (smile) at me and (say), 'Come and sit down.'
32. While the guests (dance) thieves (break) into the house and (steal) a lot of fur coats.
33. The next day, as they (know) that the police (look) for them, they (hide) the coats in a wood and (go) off in different directions.
34. She was very extravagant. She always (buy) herself new clothes.
35. Her mother often (tell) her that she (spend) too much money but she never (listen).
36. Whenever the drummer (begin) practising, the people in the next flat (bang) on the wall.

Exercise 27. Put the verbs in brackets into the **simple past** or **past continuous tense**.

1. Mr Smith never (wake) up in time in the mornings and always (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he (go) to town and (buy) an alarm clock.
2. To get home he (have to) go through a field where a bad-tempered bull usually (graze).
3. This bull normally (not chase) people unless something (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith (cross) the field, his alarm clock (go) off.
4. This (annoy) the bull, who immediately (begin) to chase Mr Smith.
5. Mr Smith (carry) an open umbrella as it (rain) slightly. He (throw) the umbrella to the ground and (run) away as fast as he could.
6. The bull (stop) and (begin) to attack the umbrella. While he (do) this Mr Smith escaped.
7. When he (awake) she (sit) by the window. She (look) at something in the street, but when he (call) her she (turn) and (smile) at him.
8. Why you (interrupt) me just now? I (have) a very interesting conversation with Mr Pitt.
9. The murderer (carry) the corpse down the stairs when he (hear) a knock on the door.
10. When I (look) through your books I (notice) that you have a copy of *Murder in the Cathedral*.
11. As they (walk) along the road they (hear) a car coming from behind them. Tom (turn) round and (hold) up his hand. The car (stop).
12. When I (arrive) at the station Mary (wait) for me. She (wear) a blue dress and (look) very pretty. As soon as she (see) me she (wave) and (shout) something, but I couldn't hear what she (say) because everybody (make) such a noise.

13. The prisoner (escape) by climbing the wall of the garden where he (work). He (wear) blue overalls and black shoes.
14. She said that the car (travel) at 40 k.p.h. when it (begin) to skid.
15. She said that she (not like) her present flat and (try) to find another.
16. While he (make) his speech the minister suddenly (feel) faint. But someone (bring) him a glass of water and after a few minutes he (be able) to continue.
17. When I (see) him he (paint) a portrait of his wife. ~ You (like) it? ~He only just (start) when I (see) it, so I couldn't judge.
18. I (take) my friend to a murder trial the other day. ~ Who (be) tried? ~A man called Bill Sykes. ~Was he acquitted? ~I don't know. They still (listen) to the evidence when we (leave).
19. I (be) sorry that I (have to) leave the party early, because I (enjoy) myself.
20. As we (come) here a policeman (stop) us. He (say) that he (look) for some stolen property and (ask) if he could search the car.
21. I (see) you yesterday from the bus. Why you (use) a stick? ~ I (use) a stick because I had hurt my leg that morning falling off a horse. ~ Whose horse you (ride)?
22. The floor was covered with balls of wool. Obviously Mrs Pitt (knit) something.
23. Ann said that she (be) on holiday. I (say) that I (hope) that she (enjoy) herself.
24. While he (water) the flowers it (begin) to rain. He (put) up his umbrella and (go) on watering.
25. I just (write) a cheque when I (remember) that I (have) nothing in the bank.
26. I (find) this ring as I (dig) in the garden. It looks very old. I wonder who it (belong) to?
27. When I last (see) her she (hurry) along the road to the station. I (ask) her where she (go) and she (say), 'London', but I don't think she (speak) the truth because there (not be) any train for London at that time.
28. The tailor said, 'Your suit will be ready on Monday.' But when I (call) on Monday he still (work) on it.
29. The teacher (come) into the classroom unusually early and one of the boys, who (smoke) a cigarette, (have) no time to put it out. So he (throw) it into the desk and (hope) for the best.
30. A little later the teacher (notice) that smoke (rise) from this desk. 'You (smoke) when I (come) in?' he (ask).
31. While I (swim) someone (steal) my clothes and I (have to) walk home in my swimsuit.
32. The men (say) that they (work) on the road outside my house and that they (want) some water to make tea.
33. He (say) that he (build) himself a house and that he (think) it would be ready in two years.

34. At 3 a.m. Mrs Pitt (wake) her husband and (say) that she (think) that someone (try) to get into the house.
35. Why you (lend) him that book? I still (read) it. ~ I'm sorry. I (not know) that you still (read) it.
36. I (come) in very late last night and unfortunately the dog (wake) up and (start) to bark. This (wake) my mother who (come) to the top of the stairs and (say), 'Who is there?' I (say), 'It is me,' but she (not hear) me because the dog (bark) so loudly, so she (go) back to her room and (telephone) the police.

Exercise 28. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **simple past or past continuous.**

1. Peter and Ann (decide) to redecorate their sitting-room themselves.
2. They (choose) cream paint for the woodwork and apricot for the walls.
3. When John (look) in to see how they (get) on, Ann (mix) the paint, and Peter (wash) down the walls.
4. They (be) glad to see John and (ask) if he (do) anything special that day.
5. He hastily (reply) he (go) to the theatre and (go) away at once, because he (know) they (look) for someone to help them.
6. They (begin) painting, but (find) the walls (be) too wet.
7. While they (wait) for the walls to dry, Ann (remember) she (have) a phone call to make.
8. Peter (start) painting while she (telephone), and (do) a whole wall before Ann (come) back.
9. He (grumble) that she always (telephone).
10. Ann (retort) that Peter always (complain).
11. They (work) in silence for some time.
12. Just as they (start) the third wall, the doorbell (ring).
13. It (be) a friend of Peter's who (want) to know if Peter (play) golf the following weekend.
14. He (stay) talking to Peter in the hall while Ann (go) on painting.
15. At last he (leave).
16. Peter (return), expecting Ann to say something about friends who (come) and (waste) valuable time talking about golf.
17. But Ann nobly (say) nothing.
18. Then Peter (think) he would do the ceiling.
19. He just (climb) the step ladder when the doorbell (ring) again.
20. Ann (say) she (get) tired of interruptions but (go) and (open) the door.
21. It (be) the postman with a letter from her aunt Mary, saying she (come) to spend the weekend with them and (arrive) that evening at 6.30.

Exercise 29. Put the verbs in brackets into **the simple past or past continuous.**

1. I (walk) along Piccadilly when I (realize) that a man with a ginger beard, whom I had seen three times already that afternoon, (follow) me.
2. To make quite sure, I (walk) on quickly, (turn) right, then left and (stop) suddenly at a shop window.
3. In a few minutes the man with the beard (appear) and (stop) at another shop window.
4. I (go) on.
5. Whenever I (stop) he (stop), and whenever I (look) round he (be) still there.
6. He (look) a very respectable type and (wear) very conventional clothes and I (wonder) if he was a policeman or a private detective.
7. I (decide) to try and shake him off.
8. A 74 bus (stand) at the bus stop just beside me.
9. Then the conductor (come) downstairs and (ring) the bell; just as the bus (move) off, I (jump) on it.
10. The man with the beard (miss) the bus but (get) into another 74, which (follow) the first.
11. Both buses (crawl) very slowly along Knightsbridge.
12. Every time the buses (pull) up at a stop, the man (look) out anxiously to see if I (get) off.
13. Finally, at some traffic lights, he (change) buses and (get) into mine.
14. At Gloucester Road Underground, I (leave) the bus and (buy) a ticket at a ticket machine.
15. As I (stand) on the platform waiting for a Circle Line train, my pursuer (come) down the stairs.
16. He (carry) a newspaper and when we (get) into the same compartment, he (sit) in one corner reading it, and I (read) the advertisements.
17. He (look) over the top of the newspaper at every station to see if I (get) out.
18. I (become) rather tired of being shadowed like this, so finally I (go) and (sit) beside the man and (ask) him why he (follow) me.
19. At first he (say) he (not follow) me at all but when I (threaten) to knock him down, he (admit) that he was.
20. Then he (tell) me he (be) a writer of detective stories and (try) to see if it was difficult to follow someone unseen.
21. I (tell) him he hadn't been unseen because I had noticed him in Piccadilly and I (advise) him to shave off his ginger beard if he (not want) his victim to know he (be) followed.

Exercise 30. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **simple past** or **past continuous**.

1. He (sit) on the bank fishing when he (see) a man's hat floating down the river. It (seem) strangely familiar.
2. It (snow) heavily when he (wake) up. He (remember) that Jack (come) for lunch and (decide) to go down to the station to meet him in case he (lose) his way in the snowy lanes.
3. When I (reach) the street I (realize) that I (not know) the number of Tom's house. I (wonder) what to do about it when Tom himself (tap) me on the shoulder.
4. As the goalkeeper (run) forward to seize the ball a bottle (strike) him on the shoulder.
5. I (look) through the classroom window. A geometry lesson (go) on. The teacher (draw) diagrams on the blackboard.
6. Most of the boys (listen) to the teacher but a few (whisper) to each other, and Tom (read) a history book. Tom (hate) mathematics; he always (read) history during his mathematics lesson.
7. Everyone (read) quietly when suddenly the door (burst) open and a complete stranger (rush) in.
8. I (go) to Jack's house but (not find) him in. His mother (say) that she (not know) what he (do) but (think) he probably (play) football.
9. This used to be a station and all the London trains (stop) here. But two years ago they (close) the station and (give) us a bus service instead.
10. She (promise) not to report me to the police but ten minutes later I (see) her talking with a policeman and from the expression on his face I am sure she (tell) him all about it.
11. I (pick) up the receiver and (dial) a number. To my surprise I (find) myself listening to an extraordinary conversation. Two men (plan) to kidnap the Prime Minister.
12. I (meet) Paul at the university. We (be) both in the same year. He (study) law, but he (not be) very interested in it and (spend) most of his time practising the flute.
13. The train just (start) when the door (open) and two panting passengers (leap) in.
14. 'What you (do) between 9.00 and 10.00 yesterday?' (say) the detective. I (clean) my house,' said Mrs Jones. I always clean my house on Saturday mornings.'
15. My neighbour (look) in last night and (say) that he (leave) the district and (go) to Yorkshire, to a new job. I (say) that I (be) very sorry that he (go), and (tell) him to write to me from Yorkshire and tell me how he (get) on.
16. They (build) that bridge when I (be) here last year. They haven't finished it yet.

17. The dentist's waiting room was full of people. Some (read) magazines, others just (turn) over the pages. A woman (knit); a child (play) with a toy car. Suddenly the door (open) and the nurse (say), 'Next, please.'
18. The house next to yours (be) full of policemen and police dogs yesterday. ~ What they (do)? ~ I (hear) that they (look) for drugs. ~ They (find) any? ~ Yes, I believe one of the dogs (discover) some cannabis.
19. Peter (tell) me yesterday that he (make) his own £5 notes. ~ Don't believe him. He just (pull) your leg.
20. A traffic warden just (stick) a parking ticket to my windscreen when I (come) back to the car. I (try) to persuade him to tear it up but he (refuse).
21. Ann works in the branch where the big robbery (take) place. ~ She actually (work) there at the time of the raid?
22. When Ann (say) that she (come) to see me the next day, I (wonder) what flowers she would bring. She always brings flowers.
23. While I (wonder) whether to buy the dress or not, someone else (come) and (buy) it.
24. He always (borrow) from me (*he borrowed more often than was reasonable*) but when I once (ask) him to lend me something, he (say) he (not have) got it before he even (know) what I (want) to borrow.
25. I (go) home on foot and all the time I (have) the impression that I (be) followed (*passive*). But though I (turn) round several times, I never (see) anybody.
26. I (bump) into Tom yesterday. I (ask) him to join us for lunch tomorrow but he (say) he (have) (*had arranged to have*) lunch with Ann.
27. My dog (attack) the postman as he (put) the letters into the letter box. The man (thrust) a large envelope into the dog's mouth and of course he (tear) it. Unfortunately the letter (contain) my diploma. I (patch) the diploma up with Sellotape but it still looks a bit odd.
28. How you (break) your leg? ~ I (fall) off a ladder when I (put) up curtains. The worst of it (be) that it (be) just before the holidays and I (go) away. (*had planned to go away*)
29. So you (not go) away? ~ No, of course not. I (cancel) my bookings and (spend) the holiday hobbling about at home.
30. The curtain just (rise) when somebody at the back of the theatre (shout) 'Fire!' The audience (look) round nervously.
31. As it (rain) the children (play) in the sitting room. Tom was there too. He (try) to write a letter but he (not get on) very well because the children (keep) asking him questions.
32. What you (do) when the doorbell (ring)? ~ I (make) a cake. ~ And what you (do) when you (hear) the bell? ~ I (go) to answer it of course. But when I (open) the door there (be) nobody there.

33. A few minutes later the bell (ring) again and this time I (find) a man in a peaked cap who (say) he (make) a survey.
34. I (say), '(Be) it you who (ring) this bell a minute ago?' 'No,' he (answer), 'but when I (talk) to your neighbour I (see) a man standing at your door. I think he (go) round to the back of your house.'
35. We (not get) much sleep last night because the people next door (have) a noisy party. I (ring) up the landlord and (say) that his tenants (make) too much noise. He (point out) that it (be) Saturday and that people often (have) parties on Saturday nights. I (say) that the people in his house always (have) parties. (*had too many parties*)
36. What you (do) before you (get) this job? ~I (work) for Brown and Company. ~And how long you (stay) with them?~I (stay) for about six months. I (leave) because they always (go) on strike. It (become) quite monotonous.

Exercise 31. Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect tense, and fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary.

You (wash) the plates? ~ Yes, I...
Have you washed the plates?~ Yes, I have.
 You (see) him lately? ~ No, I...
Have you seen him lately?~ No, I haven't.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where you (be)? ~I (be) to the dentist. 2. You (have) breakfast? ~ Yes, I... 3. The post (come)? ~ Yes, it .. 4. You (see) my watch anywhere? ~ No, I'm afraid I ... 5. Someone (wind) the clock? ~ Yes, Tom... 6. I (not finish) my letter yet. 7. He just (go) out. 8. Someone (take) my bicycle. 9. The phone (stop) ringing. 10. You (hear) from her lately? ~ No, I... 11. I just (wash) that floor. 12. The cat (steal) the fish. 13. You (explain) the exercise? ~ Yes, I... | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. There aren't any buses because the drivers (go) on strike. 15. You (have) enough to eat? ~ Yes, I (have) plenty, thank you. 16. Charles (pass) his exam? ~ Yes, he... 17. How many bottles the milkman (leave)?~ He (leave) six. 18. I (live) here for ten years. 19. How long you (know) Mr Pitt? ~ I (know) him for ten years. 20. Would you like some coffee? I just (make) some. 21. Mary (water) the tomatoes? ~ Yes, I think she ... 22. You (not make) a mistake? ~ No, I'm sure I... |
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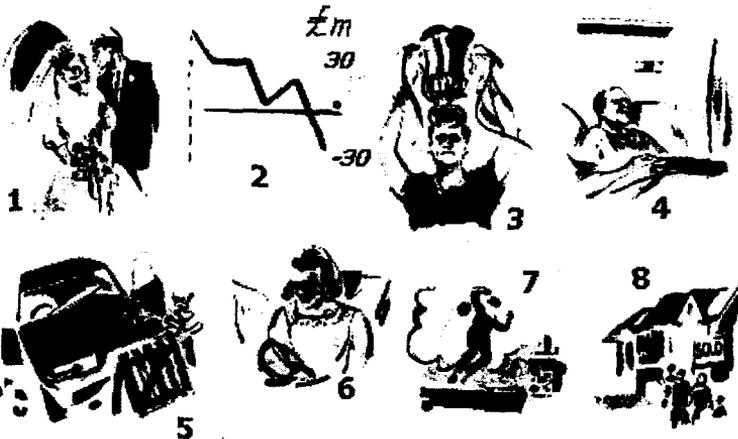
23. Why you (not mend) the fuse? ~I (not have) time.
24. You (dive) from the ten-metre board yet? ~ No, I...
25. You ever (leave) a restaurant without paying the bill? ~ No, I...
26. I (ask) him to dinner several times.
27. He always (refuse).
28. You ever (ride) a camel?
29. I (buy) a new carpet. Come and look at it.
30. He (post) the letter?
31. Why he (not finish)? He (have) plenty of time.
32. I often (see) him but I never (speak) to him.
33. You ever (eat) caviar? ~ No, I...
34. We just (hear) the most extraordinary news.
35. The police (recapture) the prisoners who escaped yesterday.
36. I (not pay) the telephone bill yet.

Exercise 32. Change these present perfect sentences into present sentences with similar meanings.

1. The Foreign Minister has died.
2. Lucy's had a baby.
3. You've torn your coat.
4. I've broken my leg.
5. He's lost his address book.
6. Have you made tea?
7. I've done the washing up.
8. She's gone to work for the BBC.
9. We haven't found out where he is.
10. The noise has stopped.
11. I've forgotten your name.
12. She's learnt French.

Exercise 33. Join the beginnings and ends to make pieces of news. Which sentence goes with which picture?

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
A parachute has just	a baby girl.
Lucy has had	gone into hospital again.
My poor old father has	into our garden gate.
Polly and Simon have	just got married.
Some people have bought	landed on the roof.
Somebody has just crashed	lost 30 million this year.
The firm has	the cup again.
United have won	the house next door.



Exercise 34. (a) Fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary used in the question, putting it into the negative where necessary. (b) Put the verb in brackets into the present perfect or the simple past tense.

Have you seen that play? (a) Yes, I...

Yes, I have.

(b) Yes, I (be) there last night.

Yes, I was there last night.

1. Have you wound the clock?

(a) Yes, I . . .

(b) Yes, I (wind) it on Monday.

2. Have you ever eaten snails?

(a) No, I...

(b) Yes, I (eat) some at Tom's party last week.

3. Has she fed the dog?

(a) Yes, I think she ...

(b) Yes, she (feed) him before lunch.

4. Have they repaired the road?

(a) No, they . . .

(b) They only (repair) part of it so far.

5. Have they done their homework?

(a) Yes, they (do) it all.

(b) Yes, they (do) it before they left school.

6. Have you found the matches?

(a) No, I ...

(b) No, I (not find) them yet.

7. Have you made the coffee?
 (a) Yes, I . . .
 (b) I (make) some yesterday: we can use that.
8. Have you been here before?
 (a) No, I . . .
 (b) Yes, I (be) here several times.
9. Have you seen him lately?
 (a) No, I . . .
 (b) No, I (not see) him since Christmas.
10. Have you been to the opera this week?
 (a) Yes, I...?
 (b) Yes, I (go) to *Faust* on Friday.
11. Have you ever driven this car?
 (a) Yes, I (drive) it once or twice.
 (b) Yes, I (drive) it when you were away.
12. Has he missed his train?
 (a) No, he
 (b) Yes, he . . . It (go) five minutes ago.
13. Have they been through Customs?
 (a) Yes, they . . .
 (b) Yes, their luggage (be) examined at Dover.
14. Has he spoken to her?
 (a) Yes, he . . .
 (b) Yes, he (speak) to her on Friday.
15. Have you spent all your money?
 (a) No, I only (spend) half of it.
 (b) Yes, I...
16. How much have you saved since Christmas?
 (a) I (not save) anything.
 (b) I (save) £3.
17. Has his temperature gone down?
 (a) No, it . . .
 (b) Yes, it (go) down last night.
18. Have you seen his garden?
 (a) No, I (not see) it yet.
 (b) I (see) the house on Monday but I (not see) the garden.
19. Have you paid the bill?
 (a) Yes, I...
 (b) Yes, I (pay) it while you were away.
20. Have you ever flown a plane?
 (a) No, I . . .
 (b) Yes, I (fly) when I was at university.
21. Has your dog ever bitten anyone?
 (a) Yes, he (bite) a policeman last week.
 (b) Yes, he (bite) me twice.
22. Have you planted your peas?
 (a) Yes, I (plant) them on Tuesday.
 (b) No, I... yet.
23. Has he written to the paper?
 (a) Yes, he . . .
 (b) Yes, he (write) at once.

24. Have you ever drunk vodka?

(a) No, I . . .

(b) I (drink) it once in Russia but I (not drink) it since.

Exercise 35. Choose the right tense and put the sentences in pairs to make news items.

1. A light passenger plane (crash) in Surrey.
2. Five thousand fans (be) at the airport.
3. According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft (hit) a tree while coming in to land.
4. Ana Gomez, of Peru, (set) a new record for the marathon.
5. He (say) I was just the person he needed.
6. Novelist Maria Santiago (marry) actor Tony Delaney.
7. Peter (just offer) me a new job!
8. Police (find) missing schoolgirl Karen Allen.
9. She (cover) the 42 km in just over 2 hours and 16 minutes.
10. She (be) at a friend's house in Birmingham.
11. The World Cup team (arrive) home.
12. They (fall) just before reaching the summit of Mont Blanc (4, 807).
13. They (meet) while working on the screenplay for the film *Sun in the Morning*.
14. They (steal) dustmen's uniforms and walked out through the main gate.
15. Three climbers (die) in the Alps.
16. Two prisoners (escape) from Caenarvon high security prison.

Exercise 36. Choose the correct tense.

1. I (*haven't seen / didn't see*) much of Al lately.
2. 'Who is she?' 'I (*'ve never seen / never saw*) her before.'
3. I (*'ve done / did*) a lot of stupid things in my life.
4. She (*has left / left*) school last year.
5. When (*have you got / did you get*) married?
6. I'm sorry. I (*haven't finished / didn't finish*) yet.
7. I (*'ve often wondered / often wondered*) what he does for a living.
8. He (*has caught / caught*) the plane at eight this morning.
9. How many times (*were you / have you been*) in love?
10. I (*'ve read / read*) a lot of her books when I was at school.
11. (*Have you seen / Did you see*) any good films recently?
12. I (*like / have always liked*) sport.

Exercise 37. Complete these sentences in any way you like.

1. I've always ____.
2. I've often ____.
3. I often ____ when I was a child.
4. All my life I have ____.

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| 5. I've known ____. | 8. I've never lived ____. |
| 6. I've had my ____ since ____. | 9. I've ____ times this year. |
| 7. I've lived ____. | 10. I ____ times last year. |

Exercise 38. Put the verbs in brackets into the **past** or **present perfect tense**.

- The prime minister (cancel) only two newspaper licences over the past two years.
- The days are long past when the so-called 'socialist' countries (constitute) one economic and political block.
- The industry (suffer) huge losses, since the miners (begin) their strike.
- Early this month this company (lay off) 2,000 workers, which means that they (dismiss) more than 6,000 people so far.
- In Machiavelli's Italy, political corruption (be) already a tradition. It (not fade) ever since.
- Do you know in which year Britain (elect) Margaret Thatcher as its first Prime Minister?
- He (run) the company for years. Unfortunately, he (leave) the company last month.
- The extensive study which (appear) in spring last year (lead) to a heated debate among intellectuals which still persists today.
- Let me know when you (reach) the destination. The last time you (stay) away I (be) very anxious.
- Due to the gulf crisis America's trade deficit (widen) even further.

Exercise 39. Put the verbs in brackets into the **present perfect** or the **simple past tense**. In some sentences the **present perfect continuous** is possible.

- This is my house. ~ How long you (live) here? ~ I (live) here since 1970.
- He (live) in London for two years and then (go) to Edinburgh.
- You (wear) your hair long when you were at school? ~ Yes, my mother (insist) on it.
- But when I (leave) school I (cut) my hair and (wear) it short ever since.
- Shakespeare (write) a lot of plays.
- My brother (write) several plays. He just (finish) his second tragedy.
- I (fly) over Loch Ness last week. ~ You (see) the Loch Ness monster?
- I (not see) him for three years. I wonder where he is.
- He (not smoke) for two weeks. He is trying to give it up.
- Chopin (compose) some of his music in Majorca.
- When he (arrive)? ~ He (arrive) at 2.00.
- You (lock) the door before you left the house?

13. I (read) his books when I was at school. I (enjoy) them very much.
14. I can't go out because I (not finish) my work.
15. I never (drink) whisky. ~ Well, have some now.
16. I (write) the letter but I can't find a stamp.
17. The clock is slow. ~ It isn't slow, it (stop).
18. Here are your shoes; I just (clean) them.
19. I (leave) home at 8.00 and (get) here at twelve.
20. I (do) this sort of work when I (be) an apprentice.
21. He just (go) out.
22. He (go) out ten minutes ago.
23. You (have) breakfast yet? ~ Yes, I (have) it at 8.00.
24. I (meet) him last June.
25. You (see) the moon last night?
26. The concert (begin) at 2.30 and (last) for two hours. Everyone (enjoy) it very much.
27. The play just (begin). You are a little late.
28. The newspaper (come)? ~ Yes, Ann is reading it.
29. The actors (arrive) yesterday and (start) rehearsals early this morning.
30. It (be) very cold this year. I wonder when it is going to get warmer.
31. Cervantes (write) *Don Quixote*.
32. We (miss) the bus. Now we'll have to walk.
33. He (break) his leg in a skiing accident last year.
34. Mr Pound is the bank manager. He (be) here for five years.
35. Mr Count (work) as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he (retire) and (go) to live in the country.
36. You (be) here before? ~ Yes, I (spend) my holidays here last year. ~ You (have) a good time? ~ No, it never (stop) raining.

Exercise 40. Put the verbs in brackets into the **present perfect** or **simple past tense**. Fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary used in the preceding verb.

1. Where is Tom? ~ I (not see) him today, but he (tell) Mary that he'd be in for dinner.
2. I (buy) this in Bond Street. ~ How much you (pay) for it? ~ I (pay) £100.
3. Where you (find) this knife? ~ I (find) it in the garden. ~ Why you (not leave) it there?
4. I (lose) my black gloves. You (see) them anywhere? ~ No, I'm afraid I When you last (wear) them? ~ I (wear) them at the theatre last night. ~ Perhaps you (leave) them at the theatre.

5. Do you know that lady who just (leave) the shop? ~ Yes, that is Miss Thrift. Is she a customer of yours? ~ Not exactly. She (be) in here several times but she never (buy) anything.
6. He (leave) the house at 8.00. ~ Where he (go)? ~ I (not see) where he (go).
7. He (serve) in the First World War. ~ When that war (begin)? ~ It (begin) in 1914 and (last) for four years.
8. Who you (vote) for at the last election? ~ I (vote) for Mr Pitt. ~ He (not be) elected, (be) he? ~ No, he (lose) his deposit.
9. You (like) your last job? ~ I (like) it at first but then I (quarrel) with my employer and he (dismiss) me. ~ How long you (be) there? ~ I (be) there for two weeks.
10. I (not know) that you (know) Mrs Pitt. How long you (know) her? ~ I (know) her for ten years.
11. That is Mr Minus, who teaches me mathematics, but he (not have) time to teach me much. I only (be) in his class for a week.
12. You (hear) his speech on the radio last night? ~ Yes, I... ~ What you (think) of it?
13. I (not know) that you (be) here. You (be) here long? ~ Yes, I (be) here two months. ~ You (be) to the Cathedral? ~ Yes, I (go) there last Sunday.
14. You ever (try) to give up smoking? ~ Yes, I (try) last year, but then I (find) that I was getting fat so I (start) again.
15. You (see) today's paper? ~ No, anything interesting (happen)? ~ Yes, two convicted murderers (escape) from the prison down the road.
16. Mary (feed) the cat? ~ Yes, she (feed) him before lunch. ~ What she (give) him? ~ She (give) him some fish.
17. How long you (know) your new assistant? ~ I (know) him for two years. ~ What he (do) before he (come) here? ~ I think he (be) in prison.
18. I (not see) your aunt recently. ~ No. She (not be) out of her house since she (buy) her colour TV.
19. The plumber (be) here yet? ~ Yes, but he only (stay) for an hour. ~ What he (do) in that time? ~ He (turn) off the water and (empty) the tank.
20. Where you (be)? ~ I (be) out in a yacht. ~ You (enjoy) it? ~ Yes, very much. We (take) part in a race. ~ You (win)? ~ No, we (come) in last.
21. How long that horrible monument (be) there? ~ It (be) there six months. Lots of people (write) to the Town Council asking them to take it away but so far nothing (be) done.
22. I just (be) to the film *War and Peace*. You (see) it? ~ No, I... Is it like the book? ~ I (not read) the book. ~ I (read) it when I (be) at school. ~ When Tolstoy (write) it? ~ He (write) it in 1868. ~ He (write) anything else?

23. Hannibal (bring) elephants across the Alps. ~ Why he (do) that? ~ He (want) to use them in battle.
24. Where you (be)?~I (be) to the dentist. ~ He (take) out your bad tooth? ~ Yes, he . . . ~ It (hurt)? ~ Yes, horribly.
25. She (say) that she'd phone me this morning, but it is now 12.30 and she (not phone) yet.
26. I just (receive) a letter saying that we (not pay) this quarter's electricity bill. I (not give) you the money for that last week? ~ Yes, you . . . but I'm afraid I (spend) it on something else.
27. How long you (be) out of work? ~ I'm not out of work now. I just (start) a new job. ~ How you (find) the job? ~I (answer) an advertisement in the paper.
28. You (finish) checking the accounts? ~ No, not quite. I (do) about half so far.
29. I (cut) my hand rather badly. Have you a bandage? ~ I'll get you one. How it (happen)?~I was chopping some wood and the axe (slip).
30. How you (get) that scar? ~ I (get) it in a car accident a year ago.
31. You (meet) my brother at the lecture yesterday? ~ Yes, I . . . We (have) coffee together afterwards.
32. He (lose) his job last month and since then he (be) out of work. ~ Why he (lose) his job? ~ He (be) very rude to Mr Pitt.
33. What are all those people looking at? ~ There (be) an accident. ~ You (see) what (happen)? ~ Yes, a motor cycle (run) into a lorry.
34. I (phone) you twice yesterday and (get) no answer.
35. Originally horses used in bull fights (not wear) any protection, but for some time now they (wear) special padding.
36. That house (be) empty for a year. But they just (take) down the 'For Sale' sign, so I suppose someone (buy) it.

Exercise 41. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **present perfect** or **simple past**. (In some cases the **present perfect continuous** is also possible.)

1. **Paul:** I (play) football since I was five years old. **Tom:** You (play) since you (come) to England? **Paul:** Oh yes. I (play) quite a lot. I (join) a club the day after I (arrive).
2. **Tom:** You (play) any matches? **Paul:** We (play) about ten. We have two more to play. We (have) a very good season, we (win) all our matches so far, though we (not really deserve) to win the last one.
3. **Tom:** I (play) football when I (be) at school but when I (leave) school I (drop) it and (take) up golf.
4. **Ann:** Hello, Jack! I (not see) you for ages! Where you (be)? **Jack:** I (be) in Switzerland. I (mean) to send you a postcard but I (not have) your address with

- me. **Ann:** Never mind. You (have) a good time in Switzerland? How long you (be) there? **Jack:** I (be) there for a month. I only just (get) back. Yes, I (enjoy) it thoroughly. I (ski) all day and (dance) all night.
5. **Ann:** I (ski) when I (be) at the university, but I (break) a leg five years ago and since then I (not do) any.
 6. When I first (come) to this house, it (be) a very quiet area. But since then a new housing estate (be) built and it (become) very noisy.
 7. My son (not start) work yet. He's still at the High School. ~ How long he (be) at school? ~ He (be) at the High School for six years; before that he (spend) five years at the Primary School in Windmill Street.
 8. I just (hear) that Peter is in Australia. ~ Oh, you (not know)? He (fly) out at the beginning of the month. ~ You (hear) from him? Does he like the life? ~ Yes, I (get) a letter last week. He (tell) me about his job. But he (not say) whether he (like) the life or not. Perhaps it's too soon to say. He only (be) there three weeks.
 9. I (not know) you (be) left-handed. ~ I'm not left-handed; but my oil-heater (explode) yesterday and I (burn) my right hand, so I have to use my left.
 10. This bicycle (be) in our family for fourteen years. My father (use) it for the first five years, my brother (ride) it for the next five, and I (have) it for the last four.
 11. I hear that your MP, Mr Simpson, (make) a very clever speech last night. How long he (be) your MP? ~ Oh, we only (have) him since January. His predecessor Mr Alien (resign) suddenly because of ill-health and there (be) a by-election.
 12. I hear that Mr Jones (leave). ~ Yes, he (leave) last week. ~ Anybody (be) appointed to take his place? ~ I believe several men (apply) for the job but so far nothing (be) decided.
 13. **Peter** (meeting Ann at the airport): Hello, Ann. You (have) a good trip? **Ann:** The actual flight (be) lovely, one of the best I (have) ever, but it (take) ages to get into the plane. First they (think) that one of us (be) a hijacker and they (search) us all for firearms; then they (announce) that one of the engines (be) faulty. We finally (take off) an hour later.
 14. **Peter:** How you (spend) this extra hour before take-off? **Ann:** Oh, they (take) us to the restaurant and (feed) us and we (walk) about and (buy) things we (not need). The time (pass) all right.
 15. You (book) your hotel room yet? ~ Well, I (write) to the hotel last week but they (not answer) yet.
 16. **Peter** (meeting Paul unexpectedly in London): Hello, Paul! I (not know) you (be) here. **Paul:** Oh, I (be) here nearly two months. I (arrive) on the 6th of January.
 17. **Peter:** When we last (meet) you (say) that nothing would induce you to come to England. What (make) you change your mind? **Paul:** I (find) that I (need) English for my work and this (seem) the quickest way of learning it.

18. **Peter:** You (know) any English when you first (arrive) here? **Paul:** No, I (not know) a word.
19. **Ann** (to Yvonne, who is going to English classes): How long you (learn) English? **Yvonne:** I (learn) off and on for about five and a half years. (*Use the continuous form.*)
20. I (begin) English at secondary school and (do) it for three years. Then I (drop) it for a year and (forget) most of it. Then I (spend) two years at a secretarial college, where I (study) commercial English, and for the last six months I (study) in London.
21. At 4 p.m. my neighbour (ring) up and (say), 'Is Tom with you?' Tom, her son, (spend) most of his time in my garden playing with my children, so whenever she (not be able) to find him she (ring) me. 'I'm afraid I (not see) him today,' I (say). 'But my children (go) to the beach this morning and (not come) back yet. Perhaps he (go) with them.'
22. I just (have) my first driving lesson. ~ How it (go)? You (enjoy) it? ~ Well, I not actually (hit) anything but I (make) every other possible mistake.
23. Old Ben (sell) newspapers just inside the station entrance, and my father always (buy) his evening paper from him as he (leave) the station on his way home. But one day my father (arrive) home without his paper. 'Ben (not be) there this evening,' he (say). 'I hope he (not be taken) ill.'
24. On Saturday afternoon I (see) Frederick sitting in his garden. 'I (think) you (work) on Saturdays,' I (say). 'I (work) this morning,' (explain) Frederick, 'but at lunch time the boss (go) off to play golf and (tell) us all to go home. It's about time he (give) us a whole Saturday off actually. I (work) practically every Saturday since the beginning of the year.'
25. **Ann:** You (be) to Hampton Court? **Jane:** Yes, I (go) there last week. The tulips (be) wonderful. **Ann:** You (go) by car? **Jane:** No, I (go) with my English class. We (hire) a coach.
26. **Ann:** Where else you (be) to since you (come) to England? **Jane:** Oh, I (be) to Stratford and Coventry and Oxford and Canterbury.
27. **Ann:** You (see) a lot. When you (go) to Stratford? **Jane:** I (go) last week. The people I work for (take) me.
28. **Ann:** You (see) a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre when you (be) at Stratford? **Jane:** Yes, we (see) *Macbeth*. We were very lucky. We just (walk) in and (ask) if they (have) any returned tickets, and the girl at the box office (say), 'Yes, a man just (return) three stalls.'
29. **Ann:** You (be) to Wales? **Jane:** No, I (be) to Scotland but I (not be) to Wales. I'd like to go.

30. *Peter*: You (see) any good films lately? *Ann*: Yes, I (go) to the National Film Theatre last week and (see) a Japanese film. *Peter*: You (like) it? *Ann*: Yes, I (love) it, but of course I (not understand) a word.
31. *Tom*: I hear that Mr Benson just (die). You (know) him quite well, didn't you?
Jack: Yes. We (work) for the same company for ten years. I (not see) so much of him after he (leave) the company but we (keep) in touch.
32. Ann (think) the garage (be) empty, and (turn) off the lights. 'Hey!' (shout) Paul from under the car. 'I'm sorry, Paul,' (say) Ann, I (not know) you (be) there.'
33. *Father*: Tom (not come) back yet? *Mother*: Yes, he (come) in an hour ago. He (go) straight to bed. *Father*: Funny. I (not hear) him.
34. *Paul*: That's a live wire. It just (give) me a shock! *Ann*: Nonsense! I just (touch) it and I (not feel) anything
35. When Paul (come) into the room, Ann was sitting in an armchair just behind the door. Paul, not noticing Ann, (go) to the window and (look) out. Ann (cough) and Paul (spin) round. 'Hello, Ann!' he (exclaim), I (not see) you!'
36. *Jack*: You just (agree) to go, so why aren't you getting ready? *Peter*: But I (not realize) that you (want) me to start at once!

Exercise 42. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **present perfect** or **simple past**.

- I (buy) a new house last year, but I (not sell) my old house yet, so at the moment I have two houses.
- When Ann (be) on her way to the station it (begin) to rain. Ann (run) back to her flat for her umbrella, but this (make) her late for her train.
- She (catch) the next train but it (not get) in till 9.00, so she (arrive) at her office ten minutes late.
- Her boss (look) up as she (come) in. 'You (be) late every morning this week,' he (growl).
- At 7 a.m. Charles (ring) Peter and (say), 'I'm going fishing, Peter. Would you like to come?' 'But it's so early,' (say) Peter. I (not have) breakfast yet. Why you (not tell) me last night?'
- Tom (meet) Paul at lunch time and (say), 'I (not see) you at the bus stop this morning. You (miss) the bus?' 'I (not miss) it,' (reply) Paul. 'I (not miss) a bus for years. But this morning George (give) me a lift.'
- Ann (go) to Canada six months ago. She (work) in Canada for a while and then (go) to the United States.
- Mary (be) in Japan for two years. She is working there and likes it very much. ~ How she (go)? ~ She (go) by air.
- When I (buy) my new house I (ask) for a telephone. The Post Office (tell) me to wait, but I (wait) a year now and my phone still (not come).

10. Bill usually has breakfast at 8.00. Yesterday at 8.30 Peter (meet) Bill and (offer) him an apple. 'No, thanks,' (say) Bill. 'I just (have) breakfast.'
11. Just as Ann (arrive) at the airfield a plane (land) and a girl (climb) out. To her surprise Ann (recognize) her cousin, Lucy. 'Hello, Lucy,' she (exclaim). 'I (not know) that you (know) how to fly a plane.' 'I only just (learn),' (say) Lucy. 'I (go) solo for the first time last week.'
12. Peter (try) to come in quietly but his mother (hear) him and (call) out, 'Where you (be)? Your supper (be) in the oven for an hour.'
13. You (be) to the theatre lately? ~ Yes, I (go) to *Othello* last week. ~ You (like) it? ~ Yes, but I (not see) very well. I (be) right at the back.
14. **Ann** (coming out of a bookshop): I just (buy) a copy of *David Copperfield*. You (read) it? **Mary**: As it happens it is the only one of Dickens's books that I (not read). I (not even see) the film.
15. You (be) to Cambridge? ~ Yes, I (be) there last month. ~ How you (get) there? ~ My brother (take) me in his car.
16. You (see) Philip lately? I (ring) his flat several times last week but (get) no answer. ~ Oh, he (be) in America for the last month. He (fly) out on the first for a conference and then (decide) to stay for six weeks. ~ You (hear) from him? ~ Yes, I (get) a letter shortly after he (arrive).
17. How long you (be) in your present job? ~ I (be) there for six months. ~ And what you (do) before that? ~ Before that I (work) for Jones and Company.
18. How long you (work) for Jones and Company? ~ I (work) for them for two years. ~ You (like) working for them? ~ No, I (not like) it at all. ~ Then why you (stay) so long?
19. We usually go out on Saturday evenings, but last Saturday (be) so wet that we (stay) in and (play) cards. ~ What you (play)? ~ We (play) poker. I (lose) fifty pence.
20. When you (begin) school? ~ I (begin) school when I (be) five. I (go) to a primary school first. I (stay) there for six years and then I (go) to a comprehensive school.
21. When I (be) seventeen I (start) my university course. ~ When you (get) your degree? ~ Oh, I (not get) my degree yet; I'm still at the university. I only (be) there for two years.
22. Tom (leave) the house at 8.20. At 8.25 the phone in Tom's house (ring). Tom's wife, Mary, (answer) it. 'Could I speak to Tom, please?' (say) the caller. 'I'm afraid he just (go) out', (say) Mary.
23. You (be) to Cornwall? ~ Yes, I (be) there last Easter. ~ You (go) by train? ~ No, I (hitch-hike).

24. I (not see) Charles for some time. ~ He (be) ill, poor chap. He (collapse) at work a fortnight ago and (be taken) to hospital. They (send) him home after two days but he (not come) back to work yet.
25. There (be) a very good programme on TV last night. You (see) it? ~ No, I (take) my set back to the shop last week because there (be) so much distortion; and they (say) it (need) a new part. They (not be able) to get the new part so far, so I (not watch) television for about ten days.
26. You (ever) be to France? ~ Yes, I (spend) last July and August in Grenoble. I (go) to improve my French but everyone I (meet) (want) to improve his English so I (not get) much practice.
27. The postman usually comes between 8.00 and 9.00 in the morning. At 8.45 a.m. yesterday Ann (say), 'Are there any letters for me?' 'I don't know,' (say) Mary. 'The postman (not come) yet.' At 2 a.m. Jack, Mary's husband, (ring) from his office to ask if there (be) any letters for him. 'No,' (say) Mary. 'Nobody (get) letters today. The postman (not come).'
28. Mr Speed, Ann's employer, (dictate) three letters and (tell) Ann to type them as soon as possible. Half an hour later he (ring) Ann's office. 'You (finish) those letters yet?' he (ask). 'Well,' (say) Ann, 'I (do) the letter to Mr Jones, and I'm now typing the one to Mr Robinson, but I (not start) the one to Mr Smith yet.'
29. You (find) out yet about the trains to Liverpool? ~ No. I (ring) the station last night but the man who (answer) the phone (not seem) to be sure of the times. He (say) something about a new timetable. ~ But the new timetable (be) in operation for three weeks!
30. Tom and Jack work in different offices but go to work in the same train. One evening Tom's wife (say), 'Jack (move) into his new house yet?' 'I don't know,' (say) Tom, 'I (not see) Jack today. He (not be) on the train.'
31. Where you (be)? ~ I (be) shopping in Oxford Street. ~ So I suppose you (buy) shoes? ~ Yes. I (find) a shop where they were having a sale and I (get) three pairs.
32. In the evenings I often play chess with my next door neighbour. I (play) chess with him ever since I (come) to live here ten years ago. He (be) here all his life; he (inherit) the house from his father, another great chess player. ~ You ever (play) chess with the father? ~ We (play) once or twice but he (die) a year after I (arrive).
33. I can't find my gloves. You (see) them? ~ Yes, you (leave) them in the car yesterday. I (put) them back in your drawer.
34. I hope you're enjoying your visit to England. You (meet) any Englishmen yet? ~ Yes, I (meet) a man called Smith at a party last night. ~ What you (talk) about? ~ We (talk) about the weather.

35. *Mrs Jones*: For years I (do) all my washing by hand; then last year I (buy) a washing machine and I must say it (make) washing day much less exhausting. It only takes me an hour now. *Mrs White*: I don't like washing machines. I always (do) my washing by hand and I intend to go on doing it. I always (find) it very satisfying work.
36. *Tom*: Don't you think it's time we (have) something different for Sunday dinner? *Ann*: But we (have) roast beef for Sunday dinner ever since we (get) married. Your mother (tell) me that you (be) particularly fond of roast beef. *Tom*: But my mother (be) dead for five years and in those five years my tastes (change).

Exercise 43. Write sentences about the pictures to say what has been happening.



Exercise 44. Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect continuous tense.

And match the parts of the sentences.

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| 1. Have you seen my bag anywhere? | A. ~ I (wait) about half an hour. |
| 2. He (overwork). | B. ~ I (work) in the laboratory. |
| 3. He (study) Russian for two years | C. ~ I'm not surprised. I (cut) down a tree. |
| 4. He walked very unsteadily up the stairs | D. ~ No, she (not cry), she (peel) onions. |
| 5. Her phone (ring) for ten minutes. | E. and doesn't even know the alphabet yet. |
| 6. How long you (wait) for me? | F. and his wife said, 'You (drink)!' |
| 7. I (bathe). | G. and I haven't a penny left. |
| | H. Don't you think we should get some petrol? |

8. I (make) cakes.
9. I (shop) all day
10. I'm on a diet.
11. It (rain) for two days now.
12. It (snow) for three days now.
13. Mary (cry)?
14. Someone (use) my bicycle.
15. That pipe (leak) for ages.
16. The car (make) a very curious noise
17. The petrol gauge (say) 'Empty' for quite a long time now.
18. The radio (play) since 7 a.m.
19. The trial (go) on for a long time.
20. There is sawdust in your hair.
21. We (argue) about this for two hours now.
22. What you (do)?
23. You (drive) all day.
24. You (not eat) enough lately.
- I. ever since it ran out of oil.
- J. I (eat) nothing but bananas for the last month.
- K. I (look) for it for ages.
- L. I wish someone would turn it off.
- M. I wonder what the verdict will be.
- N. I wonder why she doesn't answer it.
- O. Let me drive now.
- P. Perhaps we should stop!
- Q. That is why he looks so tired.
- R. That is why my hands are all covered with flour.
- S. That's why my hair is all wet.
- T. That's why you feel irritable.
- U. The chain's fallen off.
- V. The roads will be blocked if it doesn't stop soon.
- W. There'll be a flood soon.
- X. We must get it mended.

Exercise 45. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the present perfect continuous.

1. It ___ all day.
2. I ___ English since I was six.
3. She ___ tennis professionally for ten years.
4. We ___ n't ___ in this house for very long.
5. That man ___ up and down the street for ages.
6. I ___ very hard this week.
7. She ___ non-stop since she got his letter.
8. He ___ that music for hours. I wish he'd stop.
9. ___ you ___ long, sir?

Exercise 46. Complete the dialogues, using the present perfect continuous tense.

Ex. A: Are you hungry?

B: No, I've been eating all day.

1. A: Is it true that Phillip's been arrested?

B: _____

2. A: Janet seems very cheerful.
B: _____
3. A: She's very dirty.
B: _____
4. A: Why are my books all over the floor?
B: _____
5. A: Why's your hair wet?
B: _____
6. A: You all look very miserable.
B: _____
7. A: You're very late.
B: _____
8. A: Your hair's all white.
B: _____

Exercise 47. Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the present perfect continuous tense. (In some cases either could be used.)

1. We (walk) ten kilometres.
2. We (walk) for three hours.
3. You (walk) too fast. That's why you are tired.
4. I (make) sausage rolls for the party all the morning.
5. How many you (make)? ~ I (make) 200.
6. That boy (eat) seven ice-creams.
7. He (not stop) eating since he arrived.
8. The driver (drink). I think someone else ought to drive.
9. I (pull) up 100 dandelions.
10. I (pull) up dandelions all day.
11. What you (do)? ~ We (pick) apples.
12. How many you (pick)? ~ We (pick) ten basketfuls.
13. I (sleep) on every bed in this house and I don't like any of them.
14. He (sleep) since ten o'clock. It's time he woke up.
15. He (ride); that's why he is wearing breeches.

16. I (ride) all the horses in this stable.
17. What a lovely smell! ~ Mary (make) jam.
18. The students (work) very well this term.
19. I only (hear) from him twice since he went away.
20. I (hear) from her regularly. She is a very good correspondent.
21. I (grease) my car. That's why my hands are so dirty.
22. I (polish) this table all the morning and she isn't satisfied with it yet.
23. I (work) for him for ten years and he never once (say) 'Good morning' to me.
24. He (teach) in this school for five years.
25. I (teach) hundreds of students but I never (meet) such a hopeless class as this.
26. Why you (be) so long in the garage? ~ The tyres were flat; I (pump) them up.
27. I (pump) up three tyres. Would you like to do the fourth?
28. I (look) for mushrooms but I (not find) any.
29. He (cough) a lot lately. He ought to give up smoking.
30. You (hear) the news? Tom and Ann are engaged! ~ That's not new; I (know) it for ages!
31. I (try) to finish this letter for the last half-hour. I wish you'd go away or stop talking. ~ I hardly (say) anything.
32. The driver of that car (sound) his horn for the last ten minutes.
33. It (rain) for two hours and the ground is too wet to play on, so the match (be) postponed.
34. He (hope) for a rise in salary for six months but he (not dare) to ask for it yet.
35. Mr Smith, you (whisper) to the student on your right for the last five; minutes. You (help) him with his exam paper or he (help) you?
36. Why you (make) such a horrible noise? ~ I (lose) my key and I (try) to wake my wife by throwing stones at her I window. ~ You (throw) stones at the wrong window. You live next door.

Exercise 48. Answer the following questions as shown in the examples:

Can you skate? (three years)

Yes, but I haven't skated for three years.

Could you climb a rope? (I left school)

Yes, I suppose I could, but I haven't climbed one since I left school.

1. Can you play chess? (ten years)
2. Can you sing? (I came to England)
3. Could you milk a cow? (I left my father's farm)
4. Can you put up a tent? (I went camping two years ago)
5. Can you make Yorkshire pudding? (over a year)
6. Can you read Latin? (I left school)

7. Could you bath a baby? (fifteen years)
8. Could you repair a radio? (I left the army)
9. Can you ski? (my last holiday)
10. Can you read a map? (quite a long time)
11. Could you make a basket? (I was in hospital)
12. Can you sew on buttons? (I got married)
13. Can you drive a car? (over six months)
14. Could you take someone's temperature? (years)
15. Can you ride a motor cycle? (I was at the university)
16. Can you tow a boat? (1977)
17. Can you paint in oils? (some time)
18. Can you type? (years and years)

Exercise 49. Rephrase the following sentences, using the present perfect tense with *for* or *since*:

I last read a newspaper on June 2.

I haven't read a newspaper since June 2.

It is two years since I saw Tom.

I haven't seen Tom for two years.

1. It's two years since I had a puncture.
2. It's two months since he earned any money.
3. He last shaved the day before yesterday.
4. I last drank champagne at my brother's wedding.
5. It's two years since I was last in Rome.
6. I saw Tom last on his wedding day.
7. I last ate raw fish when I was in Japan.
8. It's years since Mary last spoke French.
9. It's ten weeks since I last had a good night's sleep.
10. He last paid taxes in 1970.
11. I last ate meat five years ago. (*Omit ago.*)
12. It's three months since the windows were cleaned.
13. It's years since I took any photographs.
14. I last watched TV on New Year's Day.
15. It's three months since he wrote to me.
16. I was last paid six months ago. (*My pay is six months in arrears.*)
17. The last time I was abroad was in the summer of 1978.
18. It's ten years since that house was lived in.

Exercise 50. Choose the right tenses (present perfect continuous or past simple).

1. It (be) snowing since I (get up).

2. Things (be) difficult since Carol (lose) her job.
3. Since Jake (take up) the trumpet, nobody (have) peace.
4. He (be) quite different since he (get married).
5. Since she (go) to live in France we (not hear) anything from her.
6. He (be) strange ever since he (have) the accident.

Exercise 51. Match the beginnings and ends together. (Different answers are possible)

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
He looks much younger	since he had a job.
It's nearly three years	since he shaved off his beard.
It's only a week	since I met her, but it seems like years.
It's too long	since she stopped going out with Pete.
She's a lot happier	since we got our own flat.
Things are better	since we last had a proper talk.

Exercise 52. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **present perfect simple** or **present perfect continuous**.

1. *Peter*: You (telephone) for ages. You not nearly (finish)? *Jack*: I (not get) through yet. I (try) to get our Paris office but the line (be) engaged all morning.
2. Ann (fail) her driving test three times because she's so bad at reversing. But she (practise) reversing for the last week and I think she (get) a bit better at it.
3. *Tom*: I often (wonder) why Bill left the country so suddenly. *Peter*: Actually, I just (find) out.
4. He (play) the bagpipes since six o'clock this morning. He only just (stop).
5. Why you (not bring) me the letters for signature? You (not type) them yet?
6. *Tom* (looking up absent-mindedly as Mary comes in): You (sunbathe)? *Mary* (crossly): Don't be ridiculous! It (rain) all day!
7. A pair of robins (build) a nest in the porch since last week. I (watch) them from my window since they began.
8. The police (not find) the murderer yet, but the dead man's brother (be) in the station all day. The police say that he (help) them with their enquiries.
9. They (pull) down most of the houses in this street, but they (not touch) the old shop at the corner yet.
10. Tom is convinced that there is gold in these hills but we (search) for six months and (not see) any sign of it.
11. I (wait) for the prices of the houses to come down before buying a house, but I think I (wait) too long and the prices are beginning to go up again.

12. Peter (be) a junior clerk for three years. Lately he (look) for a better post but so far he (not find) anything.
13. I (do) housework all morning and I (not finish) yet. ~ I (do) mine already. I always start at 6 a.m.
14. I just (pick) ten pounds of strawberries! I (grow) strawberries for years but I never (have) such a good crop before.
15. What you (do) with the corkscrew? The point is broken off. ~ I'm afraid I (use) it to make holes in this tin.
16. She just (sell) two of her own paintings. ~ She's lucky. I (paint) for five years and I (not sell) a single picture yet.
17. They are throwing crockery at each other in the next flat. ~ This (happen) before? ~ Well, they (have) a good many rows but this is the first time they (throw) crockery.
18. What you (do) with my typewriter? I can't find it anywhere. ~ Tom just (go) off with it. He says he'll bring it back when he (finish).
19. He (work) for Crow Brothers for forty years and never once (be) late. The firm just (present) him with a gold watch as a sign of their appreciation.
20. We (mend) sheets all morning but we only (do) three, and now the sewing machine (break) down so we'll be even slower with the next one.
21. George (collect) matchboxes ever since he left school. Now he (collect) so many that he doesn't know where to put them.
22. I (look) through my old photograph album. It's full of photographs of people whose names I completely (forget). I wonder what (happen) to them all.
23. It was lovely at eleven o'clock, but since then the sky (get) steadily darker and the wind (rise). I'm afraid the fine spell (come) to an end.
24. Since he became Mayor, my brother reckons that he (eat) 30 official lunches and 22 official dinners, and he (lose) count of the number of receptions and parties that he (attend). ~ He (put) on a lot of weight?
25. **Secretary:** Customers (ring) up all morning complaining about getting incorrect bills. **Manager:** I know; something (go) wrong with our computer. The mechanic (work) on it. I hope he (find) out what's wrong.
26. Someone (use) my umbrella! It's all wet! And it was wet yesterday and the day before! ~ Well, it wasn't me. I (not be) out of the house for a week!
27. I (stand) in this queue for ages. It (not move) at all in the last five minutes. I think the man in the ticket office just (shut) his window and (go) off for lunch.
28. The Town Council (consider) my application for permission to build a garage for three months. They just (give) my neighbour permission to build one, so I hope they (decide) to let me have one too.
29. You look exhausted! ~ Yes, I (play) tennis and I (not play) for years, so I'm not used to it.

30. They began widening this road three weeks ago; but the workmen (be) on strike for the last fortnight so they (not get) very far with it.
31. That man (stand) at the bus stop for the last half hour. Shall I tell him that the last bus already (go)?
32. I wonder if anything (happen) to Tom. I (wait) an hour now. He often (keep) me waiting but he never (be) quite so late as this.
33. Mrs Brown (live) next door for quite a long time now but she never (say) more than 'Good morning' to me.
34. I just (remember) that I (not pay) the rent yet. I am surprised that the landlord (not ring) me up to remind me. ~ It is the first time you (be) late with the rent in 25 years. He probably thinks that you (pay) and he (lose) the cheque.
35. **Shop assistant:** Could you give me some proof of your identity, madam?
Customer: But I (shop) here for fifteen years! **Shop assistant:** I know, madam, but apparently the company (lose) a lot of money lately through dud cheques and they (make) new regulations which we (be told) to apply to all customers no matter how long we (know) them.
36. What you (do)? I (look) for you for ages. ~ I (build) a barbecue in the garden.

Exercise 53. Put in the simple past or past perfect.

1. I (be) sorry that I (not be) nicer to him.
2. Nobody (come) to the meeting because Angela (forget) to tell people about it.
3. I (see) her before somewhere – I (know).
4. Because he (not check) the oil for so long, the car (break) down.
5. She couldn't find the book that I (lend) her.
6. All the people we (invited) turned up, and some that we (not invite).
7. They (never find) where he (hide) the money.
8. It was a firm that I (never hear) of.
9. When she (come) in, we all knew where she (be).
10. The lesson (already start) when I (arrive).

Exercise 54. Translate into English:

Когда я поехала в Париж прошлой весной на собеседование по поводу работы, прошло уже 5 лет с тех пор, как я там не была. Я приехала вечером до собеседования и провела час, прогуливаясь по городу и вспоминая старые добрые времена, когда я был здесь студенткой.

Я шла вдоль Сены, когда вдруг увидела знакомое лицо. Это была Неджима, женщина, с которой мы вместе снимали комнату, когда я была студенткой, и чей адрес я потеряла, когда покинула Париж. Она не заметила меня, поэтому я позвала ее по имени, и она оглянулась. Когда она повернулась ко мне, я увидела, что на ее лице был ужасный шрам. Увидев

шок в моих глазах, она дотронулась до шрама и объяснила, что получила шрам, когда работала журналисткой во время войны в Африке.

Ей было неприятно об этом говорить. Казалось, что и не прошло столько лет, и мы попрощались лишь неделю назад. Она приехала в Париж тем утром, и на следующий день ей был назначен прием к врачу. Врачи считали, что они могут удалить шрам, но ей пришлось бы остаться в Париже на несколько месяцев. И мне, и ей пришла на ум одна и та же идея: если меня возьмут на работу, мы могли бы опять снять жилье напололам. И мы пошли пить кофе и рассказывать друг другу, что еще произошло с нами за эти прошедшие пять лет.

Exercise 55. Define the beginning and the end of the sentences, open the brackets and make up sentences using *after* and *when*.

- 1) he (decide) that he liked the first pair of shoes best ~ he (try) on six pairs of shoes.
- 2) Mary (do) all the shopping – Mary (take) a short walk round the park.
- 3) I (wash) and (dry) the last plate – Paul (come) in and (offer) to help.
- 4) he (go) to a cafe in the square for a cup of coffee – he (go) through the cupboards downstairs.
- 5) he (go) to the cafe in the square for a cup of coffee – he (finish) eating lunch.
- 6) I (watch) television for an hour or so ~ I (write) to my boyfriend.
- 7) we (take) a vote – everybody (have) a chance to say what they thought.
- 8) I (post) a letter – I (feel) my better about everything.
- 9) she (look) much healthier – she (stop) trying to lose weight.
- 10) he (buy) something for himself – he (buy) a present for everyone in his family.

Exercise 56. Complete the text with the past perfect progressives.

John Latton, 39, an engineer at Felton Plastics in Upton, had a lucky escape after an accident on the A34 in the early hours of the morning. Mr Latton fell asleep while driving and crashed into a pile of sand left by workers who _____ the road.

When he left Felton Plastics at

3.00 this morning, Mr Latton _____ for 72 hours without any sleep.

A passing motorist discovered the accident after the engineer _____ in his car with a broken leg for half an hour. Ambulance workers said that if Mr Latton _____ any faster his injuries might have been much worse.

Exercise 57. Read the story.

One Tuesday afternoon, everyone in my family was very busy – except me. During the afternoon Helen repaired her car; John practised his karate; Kate did some gardening; Stephanie played tennis; Roger swam for half an hour; Pam went horse-riding; Philip painted the ceiling in his room light blue. I spent the afternoon sitting reading.

Now answer the questions.

Example: Who had black grease on her hands at teatime? Why? – Helen, because she had been repairing her car.

1. Who had dirt on her hands and knees? Why?
2. Who was wearing a short white skirt? Why?
3. Who was wearing a white jacket and trousers and a black belt? Why?
4. Who was wearing high boots and a hard hat? Why?
5. Whose hair had light blue streaks in it? Why?
6. Whose hair was all wet? Why?

Exercise 58. In a murder investigation, some suspects were asked by police what they had been doing at eight o'clock the previous evening. They all told lies. Write sentences to explain what they told the police they had been doing, and what they had actually been doing. Example:

Example: *Mrs Oliver said she had been reading, but actually she had been watching the neighbours through binoculars.*

NAME	TOLD THE POLICE HAD BEEN DOING	TRUTH
Mr Lucas	watching TV	stealing cars
Mrs Allen	talking on the phone	making a bomb
Mr Nash	washing the clothes	forging notes
Alice	playing cards	selling drugs
Pete	studying chemistry	fighting
Aunt Jane	writing letters	planning a bank robbery
Miss Fry	washing her hair	out dancing with her sister's boyfriend
Rob	painting his flat	playing roulette

Exercise 59. Read the text and make sentences beginning **It was the first time...**

Example: *It was the first time he had been away from home.*

John didn't enjoy his first week in the army. He had never been away from home before; he had never worn uniform; he had never had to make his own bed; he had

never cleaned his own boots; he had never fired a gun; and he hated the noise; he had never walked more than a mile.

Exercise 60. *Past and Progressive in Requests.* Make these sentences less direct.

1. How many days do you intend to stay?
2. I hope you can lend me £10.
3. I wonder if you have two single rooms.
4. Are you looking for anything special?
5. Can you give me a hand?
6. I look forward to seeing you again.
7. I think I'll borrow your bike for the afternoon, if that's OK.
8. We can ask Peter to help us.
9. I wonder if I can ask you a small favour.
10. I think it will be a good idea to invite Simon.

Exercise 61. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1. He (give) me back the book, (thank) me for lending it to him and (say) that he (enjoy) it very much; but I (know) that he (not read) it because most of the pages (be) still uncut.
2. When he (see) his wife off at the station, he (return) home as he (not have) to be at the airport till 9.30.
3. He (not have) to pack, for his wife already (do) that for him and his case (be) ready in the hall.
4. He (not have) to check the doors and windows either, for his wife always (do) that before she (leave) the house.
5. All he (have) to do (be) to decide whether or not to take his overcoat with him. In the end he (decide) not to.
6. At 8.30 he (pick) up his case, (go) out of the house and (slam) the door behind him.
7. Then he (feel) in his pockets for the key, for his wife (remind) him to double ~ lock the front door.
8. When he (search) all his pockets and (find) no key he (remember) where it (be).
9. He (leave) it in his overcoat pocket.
10. Then he (remember) something else; his passport and tickets (be) in his overcoat pocket as well.
11. I (arrive) in England in the middle of July. I (be told) that England (be) shrouded in fog all year round, so I (be) quite surprised to find that it was merely raining.
12. I (ask) another passenger, an Englishman, about the fog and he (say) that there (not be) any since the previous February.

13. If I (want) fog, he said, I (come) at quite the wrong time.
14. However, he (tell) me that I could buy tinned fog at a shop in Shaftesbury Avenue.
15. He (admit) that he never (buy) fog there himself but (assure) me that they (sell) good quality fog and that it (not be) expensive. I suppose he was joking.
16. When the old lady (return) to her flat she (see) at once that burglars (break) in during her absence, because the front door (be) open and everything in the flat (be) upside down.
17. The burglars themselves (be) no longer there, but they probably only just (leave) because a cigarette was still burning on an ornamental table.
18. Probably they (hear) the lift coming up and (run) down the fire escape.
19. They (help) themselves to her whisky too but there (be) a little left, so she (pour) herself out a drink.
20. She (wonder) if they (find) her jewellery and rather (hope) that they had.
21. The jewellery (be given) her by her husband, who (die) some years before.
22. Since his death she (not have) the heart to wear it, yet she (not like) to sell it.
23. Now it (seem) that fate (take) the matter out of her hands; and certainly the insurance money would come in handy.
24. I (put) the £5 note into one of my books; but next day it (take) me ages to find it because I (forget) which book I (put) it into.
25. A woman (come) in with a baby, who she (say) just (swallow) a safety pin.
26. I (think) my train (leave) at 14.33, and (be) very disappointed when I (arrive) at 14.30 and (learn) that it just (leave).
27. I (find) later that I (use) an out-of-date timetable.
28. He (park) his car under a No Parking sign and (rush) into the shop. When he (come) out of the shop ten minutes later the car (be) no longer there.
29. He (wonder) if someone (steal) it or if the police (drive) it away.
30. It (be) now 6 p.m.; and Jack (be) tired because he (work) hard all day.
31. He (be) also hungry because he (have) nothing to eat since breakfast.
32. His wife usually (bring) him sandwiches at lunch time, but today for some reason she (not come).
33. He (keep) looking at her, wondering where he (see) her before.
34. I (look) out before I (go) to bed and (see) a man standing on the opposite pavement watching the house.
35. When I (get up) the following morning he (be) still there, and I (wonder) whether he (stay) there all night or if he (go) away and (come) back.
36. When I (open) the door I (see) a man on his knees.
37. He clearly (listen) to our conversation and I (wonder) how much he (hear).
38. When I (ask) him what he (do), he (say) that he (drop) a 50p piece outside the door and (look) for it.

39. I (not see) any sign of the money, but I (find) a small notebook and pencil which he probably (drop) when the door (open) suddenly.
40. So he (take) notes of our conversation!
41. The notes (be) written in a foreign language, so I (turn) to the stranger and (ask) him to translate.
42. But he (pull) my hat over my eyes and (run) off down the corridor.
43. By the time I (recovered) from the shock he (disappeared) round the corner.
44. Curiously enough, when I (move) my foot I (find) that I (stand) on a 50p piece.
45. Perhaps he (tell) me the truth after all!

Exercise 62. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. (A variety of tenses will be needed, as well as some conditionals and imperative for be able use can/could where possible.)

1

Dear Hilda,

I just (hear) that my mother isn't very well, and I (like) to go and see her. The trouble is I can't take my dog Tim with me. You (think) you (be able) possibly look after him for a week? You (have) him for a week last year, you (remember), and you (say) he (be) no trouble, and (get) on well with your dog.

If you (be able) have him, I (be able) bring him along any time (suit) you. He (have) his own bed and bowl, and I (bring) enough tinned dog food to last him a week.

But if it (not be) convenient, (not hesitate) to say so. There (be) quite good kennels near here, and they (take) him if I (ask). He (be) there once before and (seem) to get on all right.

Love
Sarah

2

Dear Sarah,

I (be) very sorry to hear about your mother's illness, and (be) glad, that you (go) to Scotland to see how she is. It (be) nice for her to see you.

Of course I (look) after Tim. We thoroughly (enjoy) having him last year and my dog (miss) him when he (leave) and (look) for him everywhere. I'm sure he (be) delighted to see him again.

You (bring) him on Tuesday afternoon? Or, if that (not suit), any time on Wednesday. (not bother) to bring dog food; I (have) plenty. I hope you (have) time to have tea with me when you (bring) Tim, and that by then you (have) better news of your mother.

Love
Hilda

3

Dear Peter,

You by any chance (know) where Bob is? I (like) to find out because I just (hear) of a job that exactly (suit) him, but if he (not apply) fairly soon of course he (not get) it.

I last (see) him about a month ago, when he just (leave) his job with the film company. He (say) he (go) to France (*had decided to go to France*) for a holiday and (promise) to send me a postcard with his French address as soon as he (find) a place to stay. But I (hear) nothing since then and (not know) even whether he (go) to France or not.

If you (know) his address I (be) very grateful if you (phone) me.

I (try) to phone you several times but your phone (not seem) to be working.

Yours
Jack

Dear Sir,

I (be) interested in the furnished cottage near Dedham which you (advertise) in yesterday's *Telegraph*, for my husband and I (come) to England in June and (require) accommodation for three months.

You please (tell) me exactly where it (be) and give me details of bus and train services in the area. I also (like) to know about the local shops. I (be able) to shop without a car? My husband (hope) to hire a car, but I (not drive) and he (not be) free very often to take me shopping, so we (need) a cottage on a bus route. The local shops still (deliver)? I (know) they (do) ten years ago.

I (be) grateful also if you (tell) me whether you supply sheets etc. and whether a laundry (call) at the house. The rent you (ask) (sound) reasonable for the size of the cottage. How you (like) it paid? Weekly, monthly or in advance?

My husband and I (be) abroad for ten years, but before that we (live) near Dedham, which is why we (want) to spend our holidays there. My husband also (write) a book about Constable and (like) to finish it in the area where he, Constable, (paint) most of his pictures.

Mr Jones, the bank manager, (know) us since we (live) in the area and I (be) sure he (recommend) us as suitable tenants. I of course (be willing) to send a deposit.

I (be) grateful for an early reply and (enclose) a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully Pamela Smith

Exercise 63. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (some present participles will be required).

1

Dear Sir,

I (write) to you three weeks ago, (ask) about conditions of entry into your college. You (reply), (enclose) an enrolment form, which I (fill up) and (return) without delay. Since then, however, I (hear) nothing and I (begin) to wonder if my application (go) astray.

You please (check) that you (receive) it and if you haven't, please send me another enrolment form. If, on the other hand, you (receive) my application but (not decide) whether to accept me as a student or not, I (be) very grateful if you (tell) me when I may expect to hear your decision. Finally, if my application already (be) refused, I (like) to be informed as soon as possible because if I do not get into your college I (have) to apply to another and the sooner I (do) this, the better chance I (have) of being accepted.

Yours faithfully P. Smith

Dear Mr Jones,

My family and I (suffer) a good deal lately from the noise made by your guests when they (leave) your house on Saturday nights.

They (stand) in the street, (laugh) loudly and (call) goodbye to you and to each other. Then they (get) into their cars, (bang) the doors loudly, and finally they (reverse) their cars on to the road.

This (sound) a fairly simple manoeuvre, but there is always at least one of your guests who (find) it almost beyond him—whether because he (have) too much to drink or still (learn) to drive I (not know)—but I (know) that it (take) him ages to get out, and all the time we hear his engine (roar) and his friends (shout) advice.

By the time all your guests (go) and the road is quiet again, my family all (be) woken up, and the children often (find) it very hard to get to sleep again.

I (be) very grateful if you (ask) your guests to leave more quietly, and perhaps you (be able) persuade any learner drivers to come by taxi.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Brown

Dear Ann,

You (be) free to come to dinner here on Saturday next at 8.00?

My brother Paul (come) and (bring) a friend of his called Tom Edwards. You (not meet) Tom but I (think) you (like) him. He is an assistant stage manager at the Gate Theatre and (be able) to tell you about the actors. Paul says Tom (receive) hardly any salary and often (not get) enough to eat, so he (ask) me to have roast beef and Yorkshire pudding for dinner, with apple dumpling to follow. He probably (ring) up between now and Saturday, to say that it (be) a good idea to start with a substantial soup, such as oxtail! I (know) you not usually (eat) heavy three-course meals of this type, but I (hope) the conversation (not be) so heavy. Anyway, come if you (be able).

Love
Mary

P.S. The 14 bus (pass) the door as you probably (remember), and Paul (give) you a lift home.

Exercise 64. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense and fill the spaces with suitable forms.

Part 1

1. **Caller:** this is Mrs Jones at 22 High Street. . . . I have an appointment for a shampoo and set, please?
2. **Receptionist:** Yes, Mrs Jones. Who usually (do) your hair?
3. **Caller:** Peter usually (do) it, but the last time I (come) he (be) on holiday and Ann (do) it. So if Peter (be) not available, Ann (do) very well.
4. **Receptionist:** When you (want) to come, Mrs Jones?
5. **Caller:** I (like) to come tomorrow afternoon if possible.
6. **Receptionist:** I'm afraid that that afternoon is full. Thursday afternoon at 4.00 (suit) you?
7. **Caller:** I'm afraid it My mother-in-law (come) to tea.
8. **Receptionist:** Then what about Friday afternoon? Peter (be able) (do) you at 4.00.
9. **Caller:** That (be) splendid. Thank you very much.
10. **Receptionist:** Thank you, Mrs Jones. We (expect) you at 4.00 on ~ Friday then. Goodbye.

Part 2

11. **Tom:** . . . I speak to Ann, please?
12. **Ann:** Ann (speak).
13. **Tom:** Tom here. Where you (be), Ann? I (try) to get on to you for the last half hour. You (not leave) your office at 5.00?
14. **Ann:** Yes, I ..., but today I (go) shopping and only just (get) in. It (be) nice to hear your voice, Tom. I (not know) you (be) in London.
15. **Tom:** I only (arrive) this morning. I (ring) you before but I (be) terribly busy all day covering a conference. It only just (end). You (do) anything tonight, Ann?
16. **Ann:** Yes, I (go) to the theatre.
17. **Tom:** But that (be) terrible! I (be) only here for one night!
18. **Ann:** I (be) sorry, Tom. If you (tell) me you were coming up, I (keep) the evening free. But you didn't tell me.
19. **Tom:** I (not know) myself till this morning when the boss suddenly (dash) into the office and (tell) me to rush up here to cover the conference.
20. **Ann:** I thought Peter usually (do) the conferences.
21. **Tom:** Yes, he (do) but when he (drive) up here last night he (have) an accident and (take) (*passive*) to hospital. So I (do) it instead. Ann, you really (go) outtonight? . . . (*negative interrogative*) you get out of it?
22. **Ann:** No, I . . . (*negative*). I'm free tomorrow but I (suppose) that (be) too late.

23. **Tom** (suddenly changing his plans): No, I (stay) another day. I daresay the boss (get) over it. You (like) to meet me for dinner tomorrow?
24. **Ann**: I (love) to. But Tom, you (be) sure it (be) all right? I (hate) you to lose your job.
25. **Tom**: It (be) all right. I (ring) the boss and tell him I (stay) another night. I (stay) an extra night in York last month and he (not seem) too put out about it.
26. **Ann**: Why you (stay) an extra night in York? **Tom**: I (tell) you tomorrow.
Goodnight, Ann.

Exercise 65. Choose the right tenses (present perfect, past perfect; simple or progressive).

1. Reports are coming in that a train (*crash*) near Birmingham. According to eyewitnesses, it (*hit*) a concrete block which somebody (*put*) on the line.
2. Halfway to the office Paul (*turn*) round and (*go*) back home, because he (*forget*) to turn the gas off.
3. I (*do*) housework all day today. I (*clean*) every room in the house.
4. I (*be*) in bed thinking about getting up when the doorbell (*ring*).
5. It wasn't surprising that she (*start*) getting toothache. She (*not go*) to the dentist for two years.
6. I (*play*) a lot of bridge recently.
7. When I (*get*) home everybody (*watch*) TV.
8. We (*not see*) your mother for ages.
9. How long (*you learn*) English?
10. London (*change*) a lot since we first (*come*) to live here.
11. 'How many times (*you see*) this film?' 'This is the first time I (*see*) it.'
12. 'Who's that?' 'I (*never see*) him before in my life.'
13. I hear Joe (*get*) married last summer.
14. I (*often wonder*) where she (*get*) her money.
15. (*You read*) Pam Marshall's latest book?
16. They (*just discover*) a new fuel ~ it's half the price of petrol, and much cleaner.
17. (*You hear*) the storm last night?
18. My sister (*he*) married three times.
19. While she (*talk*) on the phone the children (*start*) fighting and (*break*) a window.
20. He used to talk to us for hours about all the interesting things he (*do*) in his life.
21. You know, she (*stand*) looking at that picture for the last twenty minutes.
22. The old cross (*stand*) on top of the hill as long as anybody can remember.
23. I (*spend*) a lot of time travelling since I (*get*) this new job.
24. When I (*be*) at school we all (*study*) Latin.
25. After he (*finish*) breakfast he (*sit*) down to write some letters.

26. When I (*meet*) him he (*work*) as a waiter for a year or so.
27. I (*never learn*) to ski.
28. (*you/finish*) with the bathroom yet?
29. We (*live*) in Scotland until I (*he*) eighteen.
30. She (*have*) a hard life, but she's always smiling.

Exercise 66. Choose the right tenses (**present perfect, past perfect; simple or progressive**).

GOING TO THE PICTURES

That afternoon we all (get) ready to go to the pictures. We (get) a 63 bus to take us to the Elephant and Castle, because the pictures are just next door. There (be) a great big queue waiting to go in and we (be) at the very back. Soon we (get) in. The picture (already start) and it was very dark in there. We had to go down some stairs to get to our seats but instead of walking down them we (fall) down them. Soon we were in our seats. We (sit) there watching the film when something (hit) me on the head. It was an ice-cream tub. I (turn) round to see who it was and a little boy who (sit) two rows behind me said, 'I (be) very sorry. It (be) meant to hit you. It (be) meant to hit the boy in front.'

Anonymous child

THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE WOLF

One afternoon a big wolf (wait) in a dark forest for a little girl to come along carrying a basket of food to her grandmother. Finally a little girl did come along and she (carry) a basket of food. '(Carry) you that basket to your grandmother?' asked the wolf. The little girl said yes, she (be). So the wolf (ask) her where her grandmother (live) and the little girl (tell) him and he (disappear) into the wood.

When the little girl (open) the door of her grandmother's house she (see) that there was somebody in bed with a nightcap and nightgown on. She (approach) no nearer than twenty-five feet from the bed when she (see) that it was not her grandmother but the wolf for even in a nightcap a wolf does not look in the least like anybody's grandmother. So the little girl (take) an automatic pistol out of her basket and (shoot) the wolf dead.

Moral: It is not so easy to fool little girls nowadays as it used to be.

James Thurber: Fairies for Our Time (adapted)

RIOTING STUDENTS BATTLE AGAINST POLICE

May 7 (1968). In the last two days. Paris (see) the worst street-fighting since the Liberation in 1944. Up to 30, 000 students, locked out of their own campus

yesterday by the Sorbonne rector, Jean Roche, (fight) the tear gas of the riot police with barricades, bricks, paving stones and Molotov cocktails.

The trouble (be) fermenting for some time. On March 20, six students (be) arrested after an anti-American demonstration; the next day, a mass sit-in at the Nanterre campus (begin). Last Friday, the police whose alleged brutality is said to have sparked off the violence - forcibly dieted the students, who were led by Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

All day yesterday, the Latin Quarter (be) the arena for running street fights centred on the Boulevard St Germain.

Chronicle of the 20th Century

Exercise 67. Open the brackets.

MALAYSIAN ACROBATS

Hard work (pay off) for teenaged acrobats in Malaysia. Their troupe (win) three of the world's last four 'Lion Dance' Championships. During the dance, two people in a single costume (perform) difficult manoeuvres atop and on high wires. The boys in the troupe range from 12 to 18 years of age. They (practice) twice a week, and their coach (say) it can take up to two years to perfect their techniques. They (become) so popular that they now (command) up to \$2500 U.S. per performance. Lion dancing (originate) in China. It's believed to bring good luck, happiness, and prosperity.

THE MAGICAL BULLS OF CAMBODIA

A pair of bulls (draw) crowds to a Cambodian village. As Eric Olander (report), many believe the animals can perform miracles.

These two ordinary-looking bulls (be) said to be Preko and Prekio, sacred animals of an ancient Cambodian legend. Their owner, a farmer, (dream) they were the sacred pair and since (claim) the two (cure) people of their illness. One account is of a lame man who (be licked) on his leg and then miraculously (cure - passive).

'I (heard) from my friend, so I (come) here four days ago. The bull (lick) my leg. Now I can walk a bit further, and I (feel) better.'

The feeble, the afflicted, and just the plain curious (flock) to the farm ever since. The news even (travel) to the Cambodian government, though the prime minister (say) he (be) skeptical of 'bull magic'.

But that (not stop) hundreds of people from coming to see, touch and feed the pair. Others (go) to extremes in hopes of experiencing a magical cure.

'I (come) here four days ago. The bull (help) give me power and strength.'

There is a special shrine in the village so people can pray and light incense in homage. Wooden beds (be) set up so the invalids can rest while they (wait) for the bulls to return from the fields. They (pay) a small donation for their cure.

Some local entrepreneurs (set up) stalls, selling bundles of grass and herbs to feed the animals. So what the villagers (lose) in tranquil ambiance, they (gain) in extra income.

And what's in it for the bulls? Well, the farmer no longer (have) plans to take them to the butcher block.

THE ELECTRIC CAR

There (be) predictions for years that electric vehicles would one day rule the road. But is there any realistic prospect of that happening anytime soon? CNN's Ed Garsten (give) us a look.

Smog-choked Southern California (demand) them. It's a car for people who never want to go to a gas station again. But the fact is, for all the talk, selling the gas-less machines (be) a hard-sell. "What we (do) is trying to make sure that there's a match between customer expectations and what the product really does."

General motors (launch) a two-year evaluation program of its new E-V One electric car. It's a car that can go up to 90 miles on a charge, at speeds of up to 80 miles an hour. Drivers (say) to successfully share the road with conventional vehicles, an E-V infrastructure that provides parity and driving conditions must (be established).

One of the problems is the industry (not be) able to settle on a standardized battery, although lead-acid (seem) to be the cheapest and most common so far. And while the industry may not be unanimous on the best battery system, the one thing they're all together on is the fact that in order for electric vehicles to gain widespread acceptance, there must be a cheap and easy way, not with octane, but with kilowatts.

Ford (come) up with this quick and easy conductive charging station. Its charger is the gas-less station of the future. "We (refuel) in seven minutes for races," Ford says.

Now all the industry has to do is plug in the public. ("I don't know what an electric vehicle is. Is that like a golf cart?" "Could be!")

Exercise 68. Open the brackets. In Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 you have to choose the right verb first.

1. When Mom (shake) out the kitchen rug, dog hair, bread crumbs, coffee grounds, and spaghetti noodles (fly) through the air and (dust) the sidewalk.
2. Theodore (buy) beautiful roses for Glenda, his date. Because he (not to have) a vase, he (rinse) out a peanut butter jar. After Theodore (see) Glenda's reaction to the arrangement, he (realize) that he (not make) a favourable impression.
3. Ms. Ayer (take) several deep breaths to keep from exploding at Jerry, whose excuse for missing yet another class (be) that Gandma (die) – for the fifth time on one semester.
4. When Richie (jam) the photocopier for the eighth time, Sharon, the department secretary, (pick) up a heavy stapler and (throw) it at his head.
5. Because her hands were still slippery from the dishwasher, Marilyn (drop) the watermelon, which (burst) on the floor in an explosion of pulp and seeds.
6. On his way to an interview at Sun Trust Bank, Geraldo (step) in gum. Nervous about the meeting, he (fail) to notice that the candy wrapper and leaves that (stick) to his shoe as he walked from the parking place to the lobby.
7. After losing electricity during a hurricane, the Martinez family (light) candles, (spear) hot dogs on pencils, and (roast) the wieners over this makeshift barbecue.
8. Because Nigel (go) to the supermarket with this week's grocery money, Shirley expected him to return with bread, milk, and other essentials. How angry she (be) when he (come) home with fifty dollars worth of losing lottery tickets!
9. Whenever Mike (fly) his Cessna 152, a small airplane, he (worry) about running out of fuel, hitting birds, and being abducted by alien spaceships.
10. Maria (drink) from the cold glass of Pepsi, trying to extinguish the anger that, lava-like, threatened to explode at her husband Darren, who (spend) the day watching college football instead of mowing the lawn.
11. At first, Rose (choose) to tolerate Simon's lack of punctuality. His good looks (compensate) for her having to wait an extra ten or fifteen minutes. But once Simon's tardiness (hit) an hour, Rose (dump) him for a boyfriend who looked at his watch.
12. Charlie (believe) that he (write) the best essay of the semester, but when Mrs. Varner (return) the paper, the slashes of red ink and caustic comments immediately (change) his opinion of his work.

13. Becky (have) an empty wallet and stomach, so she (steal) a Snicker's bar from the candy rack. The ensuing guilt (b e) harder to tolerate than her growling belly.
14. In her dreams that night, Diana (swim) in a pool of warm cocoa, when she (awake), the aroma of chocolate still (tickle) her nostrils.
15. My grandmother (not to trust) banks, so she (hide) money all over her house. Once, I (pull) an old reader's Digest off a shelf and (find) seven \$100 bills stuck between the pages.
16. Dashing down the hallway, Tuan (slip) in a puddle of Pepsi and (crash) into the water fountain. His elbow and nose (hurt) for the rest of the day.
17. Last week, Hektor (give) his girlfriend Gloria an expensive gold necklace. When he (see) her flirting with Omar, Hector knew that he should have purchased new rims for his car instead.
18. Because Kerri Ann (do) all of her biology homework, she (spend) the rest of the evening eating pizza with her friends. The next morning, when Dr. Wright (pass) out the quiz, Kerri Ann (realize) that her books should have been her only evening company.
19. On his way to an interview, Gonzalo (buy) a hot dog to quiet his rumbling stomach. While he (wolf down) this quick meal, yellow mustard (drip) all over the front of his crisp white shirt.
20. Omar (wake) up before dawn and drove to Daytona Beach. As the sun (rise) over the ocean, he (watch) the water sparkle like the beautiful diamond earrings he (give) his girlfriend Gloria, who then (dump) him for a new boyfriend with a higher MasterCard limit.
21. For weeks, Judi (search) cookbooks and culinary magazines for the recipe to make squid eyeball stew. Finally, she (find) the instructions on the Internet at www.eatmoresquid.com, a web site dedicated to preparing this sea delicacy.
22. Melody (lie / lay) her head on the desk in defeat. Even though she (study) until 3 p.m. that morning, she could make no sense of the chemistry problems on the exam before her.
23. The students who have Mr. Sebaster for World Literature believe that their professor (read) Homer, Dante, and Shakespeare all evening. The reality (be) that Mr. Sebacher (lie / lay) on the couch, (eat) muffins, and (channel surfs) until midnight.
24. Rachel (lie / lay) the telephone receiver on the table and (return) to the sci-fi novel she (leave) on the couch. The poor solicitor at the other end (read) five more minutes of spiel before realizing that no one (listen).
25. Jacob's physics notes (be tucked) in his book bag. A half-read copy of Moby Dick (serve) as a coaster for a glass of cold Pepsi. An unopened trigonometry

- book (lie/lay) on the desk. Although final exams (be) only two days away, Jacob (decide) to play another level of Duke Nukem, his favourite computer game.
26. After an especially long week at work, Deepa (lie/lay) on the sofa, watching television and trying to relax. Once the University of Florida football game began, however, she (jump) every five minutes to boo referee calls and cheer effective players.

Exercise 69. Open the brackets.

THE MARTIANS HAVE LANDED

A few minutes after eight o'clock on the night of Sunday, October 30, 1938, a sombre voice (interrupt) a radio broadcast to warn Americans, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I have a grave announcement to make...'

The words that followed, (beam) out in a programme networked across the United States, (cause) remarkable scenes of panic. For the announcement (be) that Martians (land) in North America and (move) across the country at great speed. Nothing (seem) able to stop them, all resistance (be) useless. The USA (be taken) over by men from outer space.

The announcement (be) part of a radio play, but one so realistic and produced by such a genius of the theatre that most people who (hear) it (take) it for fact.

The programme (start) undramatically enough. At 8 p.m. listeners (hear). 'The Columbia Broadcasting System (present) Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre Of The Air in *War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells.' Then (come) the unmistakable voice of Orson Welles: 'We (know) now that in the early years of the twentieth century, this world (be watched) closely by intelligences greater than man's.' He was interrupted by a news announcer apparently reading a routine bulletin: 'Tonight's weather ... For the next 24 hours there will not be much change in temperature ...'

Nothing to cause alarm at this stage. But the atmosphere was being cleverly built up. Listeners who (tune) in from the start already (begin) to forget that what they (listen) to was really a radio play.

By chance, on the main rival network there (be) a new singer being featured. He was an unknown. He (come) on at ten minutes past eight and bored listeners (begin) turning their dials to find out whether there was anything better on CBS. They (join) *War of the Worlds* after all the preliminary announcements (be made). They had no idea that play (be) in progress. All they (know) was that strange things (happen) along the eastern coast. The CBS announcer continued:

'Ladies and gentlemen, I have an important announcement to make. The strange object which (fall) in New Jersey earlier this evening was not a meteorite.'

Incredible as it seems, it (contain) strange beings who are believed to be part of an army from the planet Mars.'

Soft music followed. A subtle touch to get people anxious. What (go) on?

The announcer (break) in again. There was a nervous, panicky tone to his voice. The Martians, hideous, leathery-skinned creatures (spread) out. New Jersey police (race) stop them.

There was more music, more urgent announcements, chilling silences. People were glued to their sets. Earlier they (phone) their relatives and warned them about what (happen). Across the whole of America, people (begin) to panic.

Then the announcer (come) on to the air again 'We take you now to Washington for a special broadcast on the national emergency by the Secretary of the Interior.' A solemn voice was heard asking people not to panic ~ but at the same time telling them that the Martian landing was not only in New Jersey. Space vehicles (fall) to earth all across the States. The beings from outer space (already/kill) thousands of troops and civilians with death-ray guns.

One of Welles' actors (pretend) to be the President of the United States and (warn) the American people against the dangers of panic. The show (end) with an announcer screaming from the top of CBS skyscraper that Manhattan was being taken over. His feverish commentary (finish) in a strangled scream.

In New Jersey, where the Martians were first reported to have landed, the roads (be) filled with cars racing for the hills. Families (flee) from their homes with wet towels over their heads, believing this would save them from the nauseous space gases the radio (tell) them about. The panic (begin).

Sailors in the US Navy (be) recalled to their ships in New York harbour to be ready to defend America against the Martians, From Los Angeles to Boston there (be) reports of 'meteors'. Some people actually claimed to have seen Martians.

After it was all over, Welles, already a well-known actor at the age of 24, (be) fiercely criticised for throwing half the USA into terror. Dozens of people (take) legal action against CBS, but in the end the complaints (be) all withdrawn and, instead of taking Welles' show off the air, CBS bosses (congratulate) themselves for having hired the most talked-about actor in America.

Exercise 70. Translate this magazine article from 'Elle' into English:

Учитель истории Адриан Тарджетт жил самой обычной жизнью до того момента, когда вдруг услышал, что нашелся его предок по прямой линии, возраст которого исчисляется в... 9000 лет! Останки древнего пещерного человека были найдены в Чеддарских пещерах 94 года назад, но только недавно было установлено их истинное происхождение. Скелет по прозвищу Чеддармен представляет собой останки 23-летнего охотника из каменного века, который умер насильственной смертью от удара в голову. Многочисленные тесты на ДНК доказали, что 43-летний Адриан Тарджетт – генетический родственник Чеддармена. Родство учителя

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тем более удивительно, поскольку он совершенно случайно решил принять участие в проходивших тестах (так сказать, «для галочки»). По иронии судьбы, Адриан живет всего в 700 ярдах от жилища Чеддармена. Эксперт по истории, Адриан в течение целых 20 лет не раз рассказывал своим ученикам об уникальном скелете и даже и не подозревал, что имеет с ним родственную связь!

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