
Mixed English tenses

Test 3 Past tenses, present perfect, past perfect

Exercise 1:

30 points

Choose the correct tenses.

..... Frank in Toronto?

- a) Did you meet b) Have you met c) Were you meeting

He had a break after he for two hours.

- a) was walking b) had been walking c) has walked

I her for a long time.

- a) know b) have known c) have been knowing

We the windows and the car on Saturday morning.

- a) were cleaning b) cleaned c) have been cleaning

I in York for a week in 1998.

- a) worked b) have been working c) have worked

I you in your office with a girl!

Really? We

- a) saw - 've just talked b) 've seen - just talked c) saw - were just talking

How many cupboards since yesterday?

- a) did they move b) have they moved c) have they been moving

As he a bike, a dog him.

- a) was riding - bit b) rode - bit c) was riding - has bitten

When the dog him, he his bike.

- a) was biting - fell off b) bit - was falling off c) bit - fell off

I didn't notice that you

- a) had come b) came c) have been coming

I can't stand it anymore. I the furniture since breakfast.

- a) am polishing b) have been polishing c) have polished

..... the dishes yet?

- a) Has he washed b) Has he been washing c) Did he wash

They a hotel in York, but then

they it.

- a) have bought - sold b) bought - have sold c) bought - sold

She couldn't play yesterday because she

..... her ankle the day before.

- a) have sprained b) sprained c) had sprained

I can't find Todd. Where is he? - He

..... in the garage.

- a) 's been working b) worked c) was working

She books on the shelves all day. That's why she is so exhausted.

- a) was putting b) has put c) has been putting

The sun and we on the white sand.

- a) shone - were lying b) was shining - were lying c) shined - lay

You at last! Where

..... so long?

- a) arrived - have you been b) have arrived - have you been c) arrived - were you

I was so relaxed because I anything all day.

- a) have not been doing b) didn't do c) had not been doing

What's your teaching experience?

..... anyone?

- a) Have you ever taught b) Did you ever teach c) Have you ever been teaching

She's hurt her arm. - When it?
a) has she hurt b) has she hurted c) did she hurt

Where is Mum? - She the shopping all the morning.

- a) has done b) has been doing c) was doing

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At 9.30 I a documentary on TV.

It at 9.20.
a) was watching - had started b) watched - has started
c) watched - started

Exercise 2: 30 points

Use past tenses, present perfect or past perfect tenses to complete these sentences.

We in Bristol from January to March. (stay)

Where is my wine? Someone my wine! (drink)

When you , you fast? (crash, drive)

I'm sorry. Dad isn't here. He our neighbour's flat since the morning. (decorate)

What a nice coat! Where you it? (buy)

At 6 o'clock he there for three hours! (sit)

I want to learn French. But I yet. (not start)

We didn't want to spend our holiday in Strobl

because already there. (be)

What you ?
You are so dirty! (do)

Oh, no! I my way. What shall I do? (lose)

Jim the dishes after dinner.
The kitchen sink is full of plates. (not wash)

She three clients since the morning. (contact)

I couldn't help you. I your problems. (not understand)

Does he know about it? you him yet? (tell)

Bill admitted that he the catalogue to the agency. (not send)

As soon as I the message,

I my house. (get, leave)

While Maggie a new jumper,

Jill and I (knit, read)

Here he is! He for me all the

time, he for Ann! (not look, wait)

..... you in your room at 5.30? - Yes,

I think I my suitcase. (be, pack)

Nice to meet you! I you for

10 years. What you all this time? (not see, do)

He , but he'll be back home

today. The doctors to cure him. (die, manage)

After we to the top of the hill we had a great view of the bay. (climb)

The pigeon finally delivered the news after it

..... for the whole day. (fly)

TOTAL 60 points