

Present and past

Units 1-14, Appendix 2

2 Choose the right alternative.

- 1 Everything is going well. We didn't have / haven't had any problems so far.
(haven't had *is right*)
- 2 Margaret didn't go / hasn't gone to work yesterday. She wasn't feeling well.
- 3 Look! That man over there wears / is wearing the same sweater as you.
- 4 Your son is much taller than when I last saw him. He grew / has grown a lot.
- 5 I still don't know what to do. I didn't decide / haven't decided yet.
- 6 I wonder why Jim is / is being so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.
- 7 Jane had a book open in front of her but she didn't read / wasn't reading it.
- 8 I wasn't very busy. I didn't have / wasn't having much to do.
- 9 Mary wasn't happy in her new job at first but she begins / is beginning to enjoy it now.
- 10 After leaving school, Tim found / has found it very difficult to get a job.
- 11 When Sue heard the news, she wasn't / hasn't been very pleased.
- 12 This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you are / you've been here?
- 13 I need a new job. I'm doing / I've been doing the same job for too long.
- 14 'Ann has gone out.' 'Oh, has she? What time did she go / has she gone?'
- 15 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I've played / I've been playing basketball.'
- 16 Where are you coming / do you come from? Are you American?
- 17 I'd like to see Tina again. It's a long time since I saw her / that I didn't see her.
- 18 Bob and Alice have been married since 20 years / for 20 years.

3 Complete the questions using a suitable verb.

- 1 A: I'm looking for Paul. Have you seen ... him?
B: Yes, he was here a moment ago.
- 2 A: Why did you go ... to bed so early last night?
B: Because I was feeling very tired.
- 3 A: Where?
B: Just to the post box. I want to post these letters. I'll be back in a few minutes.
- 4 A: television every evening?
B: No, only if there's a good programme on.
- 5 A: Your house is very beautiful. How long here?
B: Nearly ten years.
- 6 A: How was your holiday? a nice time?
B: Yes, thanks. It was great.
- 7 A: Julie recently?
B: Yes, I met her a few days ago.
- 8 A: Can you describe the woman you saw? What?
B: A red sweater and black jeans.
- 9 A: I'm sorry to keep you waiting. long?
B: No, only about ten minutes.
- 10 A: How long you to get to work in the morning?
B: Usually about 45 minutes. It depends on the traffic.
- 11 A: with that newspaper yet?
B: No, I'm still reading it. I won't be long.
- 12 A: to the United States?
B: No, never, but I went to Canada a few years ago.

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES

4 Use your own ideas to complete B's sentences.

- 1 A: What's the new restaurant like? Is it good?
B: I've no idea. ...I've never been... there.
- 2 A: How well do you know Bill?
B: Very well. We since we were children.
- 3 A: Did you enjoy your holiday?
B: Yes, it was really good. It's the best holiday
- 4 A: Is Jack still here?
B: No, I'm afraid he isn't. about ten minutes ago.
- 5 A: I like your suit. I haven't seen it before.
B: It's new. It's the first time
- 6 A: How did you cut your knee?
B: I slipped and fell when tennis.
- 7 A: Do you ever go swimming?
B: Not these days. I haven't a long time.
- 8 A: How often do you go to the cinema?
B: Very rarely. It's nearly a year to the cinema.
- 9 A: I've bought some new shoes. Do you like them?
B: Yes, they're very nice. Where them?

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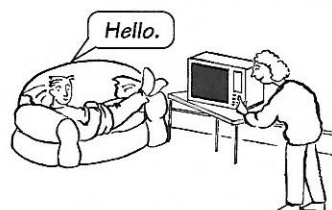
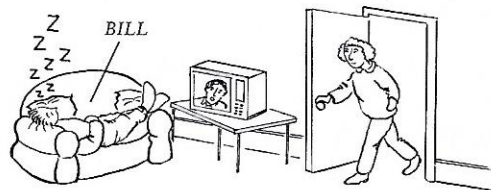
5 Put the verb in the correct form, past simple (I did), past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).

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Yesterday afternoon Sharon went (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she (get) there, Paul (already/wait) for her. His train (arrive) early.

2



When I got home, Bill (lie) on the sofa. The television was on but he (not/watch) it. He (fall) asleep and (snore) loudly. I (turn) the television off and just then he (wake) up.



3 Last night I (just/go) to bed and (read) a book when suddenly I (hear) a noise. I (get) up to see what it was but I (not/see) anything, so I (go) back to bed.



4 Mary had to go to New York last week, but she almost (miss) the plane. She (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly (realise) that she (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately, she doesn't live very far from the airport, so she (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.



5 I (meet) George and Linda yesterday as I (walk) through the park. They (be) to the Sports Centre where they (play) tennis. They (go) to a café for a drink and (invite) me to join them but I (arrange) to meet a friend and (not/have) time.

6 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Put the verb in the correct form, present perfect (I have done), present perfect continuous (I have been doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).

- 1 Ann is sitting on the ground. She's out of breath. (she/run) ... *She has been running.*
- 2 Where's my bag? I left it under this chair. (somebody/take/it)
- 3 We were all surprised when Jenny and Andy got married last year. (they/only/know/each other/a few weeks)
- 4 It's still raining. I wish it would stop. (it/rain/all day)
- 5 Suddenly I woke up. I was confused and didn't know where I was. (I/dream)
- 6 I wasn't hungry at lunchtime so I didn't have anything to eat. (I/have/a big breakfast)

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES

- 7 Every year Bob and Alice spend a few days at the same hotel by the sea.
(they/go/there for years)
- 8 I've got a headache.
(I/have/it/since I got up)
- 9 Next week Gerry is going to run in a marathon.
(he/train/very hard for it)

7 Put the verbs into the correct form.

Julia and Kevin are old friends. They meet by chance at a station.

JULIA: Hello, Kevin. (1)..... (I/not/see)
you for ages. How are you?

KEVIN: I'm fine. How about you? (2).....
(you/look) well.

JULIA: Yes, I'm very well thanks.
So, (3)..... (you/go) somewhere
or (4)..... (you/meet) somebody
off a train?

KEVIN: (5)..... (I/go) to London for a business meeting.

JULIA: Oh. (6)..... (you/often/go) away on business?

KEVIN: Quite often, yes. And you? Where (7)..... (you/go)?

JULIA: Nowhere. (8)..... (I/meet) a friend. Unfortunately, her train
(9)..... (be) delayed - (10).....
(I/wait) here for nearly an hour.

KEVIN: How are your children?

JULIA: They're all fine, thanks. The youngest (11)..... (just/start)
school.

KEVIN: How (12)..... (she/get) on?
(13)..... (she/like) it?

JULIA: Yes, (14)..... (she/think) it's great.

KEVIN: (15)..... (you/work) at the moment? When I last
(16)..... (speak) to you, (17).....
(you/work) in a travel agency.

JULIA: That's right. Unfortunately, the firm (18)..... (go) out of
business a couple of months after (19)..... (I/start) work
there, so (20)..... (I/lose) my job.

KEVIN: And (21)..... (you/not/have) a job since then?

JULIA: Not a permanent job. (22)..... (I/have) a few temporary jobs.
By the way, (23)..... (you/see) Joe recently?

KEVIN: Joe? He's in Canada.

JULIA: Really? How long (24)..... (he/be) in Canada?

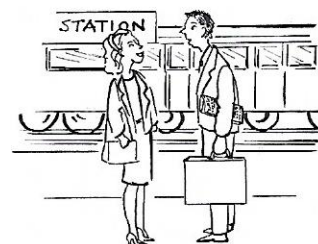
KEVIN: About a year now. (25)..... (I/see) him a few days before
(26)..... (he/go). (27)..... (he/be)
unemployed for months, so (28)..... (he/decide) to try his
luck somewhere else. (29)..... (he/really/look forward)
to going.

JULIA: So, what (30)..... (he/do) there?

KEVIN: I've no idea. (31)..... (I/not/hear) from him since
(32)..... (he/leave). Anyway, I must go and catch my train. It
was really nice to see you again.

JULIA: You too. Bye. Have a good journey.

KEVIN: Thanks. Bye.



8 Put the verb into the most suitable form.

- 1 Who (invent) the bicycle?
- 2 'Do you still have a headache?' 'No, (it/go). I'm all right now.'
- 3 I was the last to leave the office. Everybody else (go) home.
- 4 What (you/do) last weekend?
(you/go) away?
- 5 I like your car. How long (you/have) it?
- 6 We decided not to go out because (it/rain) quite hard.
- 7 Jill is an experienced teacher. (she/teach) for 15 years.
- 8 (I/buy) a new jacket last week but
(I/not/wear) it yet.
- 9 A few days ago (I/see) a man at a party whose face (be)
very familiar. At first I couldn't think where (I/see) him before.
Then suddenly (I/remember) who (it/be).
- 10 (you/hear) of Agatha Christie? (she/be)
a writer who (die) in 1976. (she/write)
more than 70 detective novels. (you/read) any of them?
- 11 A: What (this word / mean)?
B: I've no idea. (I/never/see) it before. Look it up in the
dictionary.
- 12 A: (you/arrive) at the theatre in time for the play last night?
B: No, we were late. By the time we got there,
(it/already/begin).
- 13 I went to John's room and (knock) on the door but there
..... (be) no answer. Either
(he/go) out or (he/not/want) to see anyone.
- 14 Angela asked me how to use the photocopier.
(she/never/use) it before, so (she/not/know) what to do.
- 15 Mary (go) for a swim after work yesterday.
(she/need) some exercise because (she/sit) in an office all
day in front of a computer.

Past continuous and used to

Units 6 and 18

9 Complete the sentences using the past continuous (was doing) or used to... Use the verb in brackets.

- 1 I haven't been to the cinema for ages now. We used to go a lot. (go)
- 2 Ann didn't see me wave to her. She was looking in the other direction. (look)
- 3 I a lot but I don't use my car very much these days. (drive)
- 4 I asked the driver to slow down. She too fast. (drive)
- 5 Rose and Jim met for the first time when they at university.
(study)
- 6 When I was a child, I a lot of bad dreams. (have)
- 7 When the phone rang, I a shower. (have)
- 8 'Where were you yesterday afternoon?' 'I volleyball.' (play)
- 9 'Do you do any sports?' 'Not these days. I volleyball.' (play)
- 10 George looked very nice. He a very nice suit. (wear)