

Name

1 Simple past and past progressive: revise the basics. Put in the correct tense (simple past or past progressive).

- ▶ Tony worked for our company for more than twenty years. (*work*)
- ▶ Anna was working as a waitress when we first met. (*work*)
- 1 As a child, she in a small fishing village. (*live*)
- 2 Emma says she's a vegetarian, but I'm sure she a burger when I saw her at the barbecue. (*eat*)
- 3 Paul off his horse while he in the Cotswolds. (*fall; ride*)
- 4 Jamie the student march. The students about the cost of education. (*join; protest*)
- 5 Spurs 3 nil at half-time, but somehow they four goals and went on to win. (*lose; score*)

2 Present perfect and simple past: revise the basics. Circle the correct option.

I started / 've started as an intern at the company in 2007, but I ¹ worked / 've worked in the Marketing department for the last two years. Since then I ² was given / 've been given a lot of support and training. For example, last year I ³ was involved / have been involved in a campaign to sell cars in the Middle East. I ⁴ travelled / 've travelled to Dubai to meet the local sales team. Before I went I ⁵ was trained / 've been trained in how to do business in other cultures. I ⁶ enjoyed / 've enjoyed the course, and learnt a lot. I ⁷ went / 've been back to Dubai a few times since then, and I ⁸ met / 've met a lot of important people in the industry. The best thing about this job is that I ⁹ was / 've been part of a big team who work well together; our department ¹⁰ achieved / has achieved our target this year already because everyone puts in a great effort.

3 Present perfect progressive: revise the basics. Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct'.

- ▶ 'Are you waiting for a table?' 'Yes, I'm ~~waiting~~ 've been waiting since eight o'clock!
- 1 How long *have you been being* a student here?
- 2 Come on, *they've been waiting* for us since six o'clock!
- 3 *I've been having* this pair of shoes for ages. I really need some new ones.
- 4 Do you know that man? *He's watching* us all evening.
- 5 *My brother's had* his motorbike for the last two months.
- 6 We haven't been out since the weekend because *we're working* late all week.
- 7 *Have you been listening* to me at all?
- 8 *Ian's been planing* this trip for the last three months – he's heading off to Thailand soon.

4 More about the simple past and past progressive. Choose the best way(s) to complete each sentence: A, B or both.

- ▶ When I was younger I in a coffee shop near here. A worked B was working
- 1 I think I got offered the job because I Dutch A was speaking B spoke
- 2 Several thousand people outside the parliament building when the politicians arrived for their debate. A demonstrated B were demonstrating
- 3 Our old neighbours were so annoying – they loud music late at night. A always played B were always playing
- 4 I to the CEO only the other day about our latest business plans. A talked B was talking
- 5 The train on time every day last week – which is quite unusual for Britain. A arrived B was arriving
- 6 We if you had any plans for Friday evening. A wondered B were wondering



5 More about the present perfect. Choose the best way(s) to complete each sentence: A, B or both.

- ▶ Who.....you that beautiful vase? A has bought B bought
- 1 What an incredible film. Do you know who.....it? A has directed B directed
 - 2the news today? There's been another earthquake in Japan. A Have you seen B Did you see
 - 3 A police officer.....here this afternoon. He wanted to know where you were. A has come B came
 - 4 I can't believe what a bad day I..... A have had B had
 - 5 She.....to hear the results of her test all day. A has waited B has been waiting
 - 6 We've been getting on much better since her mother..... A has left B left
 - 7 Things have been much easier since Alex.....me. A was helping B has been helping
 - 8 I.....less worried since John got his new job. A feel B have felt

6 Past perfect: time conjunctions. Choose the best way of completing each sentence.

- ▶ After I heard / had heard the same song four times, I decided to switch the radio off.
- 1 As soon as Messi scored / had scored the crowd erupted into loud cheering.
 - 2 When the boss arrived / had arrived unannounced, everybody went quiet.
 - 3 Once she passed / had passed through customs, she was stopped by the police.
 - 4 When I heard / had heard the alarm ringing I realised something was wrong.
 - 5 Excuse me, I think I left / had left my wallet here earlier. Has anyone handed it in?
 - 6 After I finished / had finished preparing the dinner, I decided to sit down for a rest.

7 Past perfect simple or progressive. Choose the best way(s) to complete each sentence: A, B or both.

- ▶ Everybody was looking at me. I couldn't explain why I..... A 'd been crying B had cried
- 1 The plane.....at Heathrow when it was diverted to Schiphol.
A had almost arrived B had almost been arriving
 - 2 I.....for hundreds of jobs since I left university, but I'd had no positive replies at all.
A 'd been applying B 'd applied
 - 3 I could tell from the smell on his clothes and breath that he.....again. A 'd been smoking B 'd smoked
 - 4 I wasn't surprised that Joe lost his job – he.....with his boss for months. A 'd been arguing B he'd argued
 - 5 Carson.....very well until he picked up an injury in the quarter finals. A had played B had been playing

8 this is the first time etc. Complete the sentences with the words from the box, using the correct contracted form.

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- ▶ Have you seen Black Swan? Yes, I thought it was the best film I 'd seen for a long time.
- 1 It was definitely the worst meal I.....since arriving in Laos: it made me feel ill.
 - 2 That's probably the third time you.....me that joke, and it still isn't funny.
 - 3 This is the nicest weather we.....this year.
 - 4 Maggie's wedding was the first time I.....a kilt and it felt pretty comfortable.
 - 5 I'm very impressed, it's the first time she.....without a piano accompaniment.
 - 6 That was the fourth email he.....to the bank, but they still hadn't replied.
 - 7 I was surprised when he gave me a gift as it was only the second time we.....