Grammar

Present and Present perfect tense review

1 Complete the text with the correct Present simple or Present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

I ˈm sitting (sit) on the bus on my way to meet my friend Libby. We’re in a traffic jam and the bus 1 (not move). Libby’s just sent me a text to say she’s with our friend Julian, and they 2 (wait) for me in our favourite café. We sometimes 3 (meet) up on Saturdays to go shopping together. Julian says that he 4 (not like) shopping, but he usually 5 (buy) at least one new thing. I don’t mind walking round the shopping centre to see what’s new in the shops, but I 6 (think) that nowadays people spend far too much time and money shopping. We really 7 (not need) that many clothes.

2 Choose the correct alternative (a or b).

Where did you find that DVD? I’ve…

a ✓ been looking for it for ages.

b looked for it for ages.

Sally’s really nervous. She hasn’t…

a been going abroad before.

b been abroad before.

Jim’s my best friend. We’ve…

a been knowing each other since primary school.

b known each other since primary school.

The weather is awful. It’s…

a been raining for hours and there’s no sign of it stopping.

b rained for hours and there’s no sign of it stopping.

My bedroom is still a mess, even though I’ve…

a been tidying it all day.

b tidied it all day.

Have you always…

a been wanting to be a doctor?

b wanted to be a doctor?

Narrative tenses

5 Complete the sentences with the Past simple, Past perfect or Past Perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

They weren’t (not be) hungry because they ˈd already eaten (already/eat).

We ˈve got (not get) to the station until after the train ˈve left (leave).

James ˈve taught (teach) at the university for more than a year before he ˈve left (leave) for Japan.

I was on the bus when I ˈve realised (realise) that I ˈve forgot (forgot) to pack my trainers for football practice.

You ˈve already gone (already/go) to bed by the time I ˈve arrived (arrive) home.

Martha ˈve been (be) sure that she ˈve met (meet) Kate’s brother before.

I ˈve been (wait) for her over an hour when she finally ˈve arrived (arrive).
6 Tick (√) the correct sentences. Then correct the wrong sentences.
> √ I didn’t sleep very well because my neighbours were having a party.
1 __ The police were stopping the burglar as he was running away.
2 __ Was it raining heavily when you left the library?
3 __ Eliza was cold because she didn’t wear a jumper.
4 __ Betty was failing the final test because she hadn’t been attending class regularly.
5 __ The teacher was talking to the students when we were arriving.

7 Choose the correct alternative.
> My uncle’s worked worked in the same company for seven years. He loves his job.
1 Has/Did anything like this ever happened/ happen to you before?
2 They’d been talking/talked for over an hour before they realised how late it was/got.
3 Why didn’t you wait/haven’t you waited for me after class?
4 I’ve just done/just done all my homework and I’m really tired.
5 Where are they? They’ve finished/finished school ages ago.

8 Complete the text with suitable narrative tenses.
Have you ever had (ever have) one of those days where nothing goes right? I had one yesterday. First of all, I __________ (not wake up) until eight o’clock. Then, when I __________ (have) breakfast, I spilt coffee on my shirt. Luckily, I __________ (not miss) the school bus, but I __________ (sit) and chatting to my friends on the bus for over ten minutes when I suddenly realised that I __________ (leave) my homework on the kitchen table. I told the teacher what I __________ (do), but she __________ (not believe) me. It’s the second time I __________ (be) in trouble this week – and it’s only Wednesday!

9 Match a word from box A to a word from box B to make compound adjectives. Then write A if the adjective describes appearance, or P if it describes personality.

A
badly- blue- curly- easy- fair-
free- fun- hard- self-

B
confident dressed eyed going haired loving skinned spirited working

1 __________ A
2 __________ A
3 __________ A
4 __________ A
5 __________ A
6 __________ A
7 __________ A
8 __________ A

10 Complete the collocations in the text with the correct form of a suitable verb.

Maria __________ grew __________ up in a small village in Cyprus. When she was 18, she __________ home and moved to England, where she met her future husband, Eric. They were at a party and when they saw each other, they __________ in love instantly. A few months later, they decided to __________ married. They were married for over 40 years and they __________ two children. Maria lives alone now as, sadly, Eric __________ away three years ago. She has lots of friends though and she’s very busy – she’s just bought a scooter and now she __________ to ride it.