

perfect tenses: revision test

1 Put the time expressions into the sentences and choose the correct tenses.

- ▶ I (*like*) sport. (*always*)
I have always liked sport.
- 1 I (*spend*) three days in hospital. (*last month*)
.....
- 2 I'm sorry for her. She (*have*) bad luck. (*all her life*)
.....
- 3 I (*want*) to be a doctor. (*until I was fifteen*)
.....
- 4 He (*be*) unemployed. (*ever since he left school*)
.....
- 5 (*you live*) in this town? (*How long*)
.....
- 6 I (*not learn*) much. (*in my last job*)
.....
- 7 I (*not work*) very hard. (*when I was at university*)
.....
- 8 Joe (*live*) in Durban for a year. (*before he got married*)
.....
- 9 He was ill before Christmas, but he (*be*) fine. (*since then*)
.....
- 10 I (*have*) trouble sleeping. (*all this week*)
.....
- 11 I (*have*) trouble sleeping. (*all last week*)
.....
- 12 I (*learn*) a lot. (*in this job*)
.....
- 13 My boyfriend and I (*know*) each other. (*for ages*)
.....
- 14 When I (*see*) her, I (*know*) that we (*meet*). (*before*)
.....
- 15 I (*feel*) very tired, but I'm OK now. (*this morning*)
.....

2 Put the two sentences together, beginning with *after*.

- 1 I wrote to my boyfriend. Then I watched television for an hour or so.
After I boyfriend, I
- 2 Everybody had a chance to say what they thought. Then we took a vote.
.....
- 3 I posted the letter. Then I felt much better about everything.
.....
- 4 She stopped trying to lose weight. She looked much healthier.
.....
- 5 He bought presents for everyone in his family. Then he bought something for himself as well.
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3 Correct the mistakes.

- ▶ I've just ~~broke~~ a cup. *broken*
- 1 The film has already startted.
 - 2 I haven't spoke French for years.
 - 3 I've been hopping to meet you for a long time.
 - 4 I know Julia since 1996.
 - 5 We are come to discuss something with you.
 - 6 Shakespeare has written some great tragedies.
 - 7 I couldn't get in because I lost my keys.
 - 8 I'm studying physics for the last two years.
 - 9 I asked her where she has been, but she said nothing.
 - 10 You haven't drank your tea.
 - 11 When have you left school?
 - 12 I've had this sweater since years.
 - 13 I've had a headache this morning, but it got better in the afternoon.
 - 14 After I've finished the cooking I sat down for a rest.
 - 15 The dog got out because I have forgotten to close the door.

4 Imagine these sentences are spoken today. Read them and answer the questions.

- 1 'How long has Naomi lived in Spain?' *Does Naomi still live in Spain?*
- 2 'George worked with me for two years.' *Does George still work with the speaker?*
- 3 'I had a headache all day.' *Has the speaker got a headache?*
- 4 'Pete phoned me this morning.' *Is it still morning?*
- 5 'Nobody's wished me a happy birthday.' *Is it still the speaker's birthday?*
- 6 'How long are you here for?' 'Since Monday.' *Is the answer correct?*
- 7 'Maggie Parsons has written six novels.' *Do we know whether Maggie Parsons is a living writer?*
- 8 'It's been a terrible day.' *Is today the 'terrible day'?*
- 9 'Everybody enjoyed the meal.' *Are they still eating?*
- 10 'Tuesday has been fine.' *Is it still Tuesday?*
- 11 'How long did Bill spend in Italy?' *Is Bill still in Italy?*
- 12 'I've been ill all week.' *Is the speaker still ill?*

5 Put in the correct forms of the verbs (perfect or past, simple or progressive).

Dear Jenny,

I hope everything's OK with you. I (▶ go) *went* for another job interview last week, but I (1 *not hear*) anything yet. The man who interviewed me said that he (2 *receive*) 240 applications! Do you know, I (3 *have*) nine job interviews since Christmas, but no luck. It's really depressing. I (4 *try*) to get a job (5 *since/for*) nearly a year now without success.

I (6 *see*) Sally a few weeks ago. She and Tom (7 *just come back*) from a nice holiday in Tenerife. They went to the same place that they (8 *go*) to before, and they had a really good time, except that Tom (9 *lose*) all his documents in the sea when they (10 *fish*) one day, and they had terrible problems getting home.

Lots of love, Sue

all past and perfect tenses: revision test

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