

## Grammar

### Present tense review

**1 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

I 'm sitting (sit) on the bus on my way to meet my friend Libby. We're in a traffic jam and the bus <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not move). Libby's just sent me a text to say that she's with our friend Julian, and they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me in our favourite café. We sometimes <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) up on Saturdays to go shopping together. Julian says that he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) shopping, but he usually <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that nowadays people spend far too much time and money shopping. We really <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not need) that many clothes.

**2 Choose the best way (a or b) to complete the sentences.**

- > Where did you find that DVD? I've ...
  - a been looking for it for ages. ✓
  - b looked for it for ages.
- 1 Sally's really nervous. She hasn't ...
  - a been going abroad before.
  - b been abroad before.
- 2 Jim's my best friend. We've ...
  - a been knowing each other since primary school.
  - b known each other since primary school.
- 3 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.
- 4 My bedroom is still a mess, even though I've ...
  - a been tidying it all day.
  - b tidied it all day.
- 5 Have you always ...
  - a been wanting to be a doctor?
  - b wanted to be a doctor?

### Present perfect with time expressions

**3 Order the words to make present perfect sentences and add for or since in the correct place.**

- > last/haven't/Tim/Friday/seen/They  
They haven't seen Tim since last Friday.
- 1 over/that/twenty/we've/in/years/house/lived  
 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 contact/I've/to/the/been/weekend/trying/Mark  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 half/been/they've/hour/talking/an  
 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 my/she/made/started/sister/a lot/school/has/of friends  
 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 there/long/you've/sitting/time/a/been  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

**4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.**

- > Has Simon ever/yet/still had a girlfriend?
- 1 I hope you're not too hungry. I haven't finished cooking dinner ever/yet/already.
- 2 Dad's not here. He's never/still/just left for work.
- 3 The teacher is going to be really angry with them because they just/already/still haven't finished their school project.
- 4 It's only half past ten and we've still/never/already finished our homework and tidied our bedrooms.
- 5 'Do you know how to play this game?' 'No, I've never/just/ever played it before.'

### Narrative tense review

**5 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.**

- > They weren't (not be) hungry because they 'd already eaten (already/eat).
- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not get) to the station until after the train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the film before and he \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to watch it again.
- 3 I was on the bus when I \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (forgot) to pack my trainers for football practice.
- 4 You \_\_\_\_\_ (already/go) to bed by the time I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home.
- 5 Martha \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sure that she \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Kate's brother before.

**6 Tick (✓) the sentences where the past simple and the past continuous are used correctly. 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 \_\_\_ I had a great dream when my alarm clock woke me up.
- 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 We *haven't seen/didn't see* Carla for ages. She's really busy with her tennis training.
  - 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not wake up) until eight o'clock. Then, when I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast, I spilt coffee on my shirt. Luckily, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the school bus, but while I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) to my friends on the bus, I suddenly realised that I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) my homework on the kitchen table. I told the teacher what I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do), but she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not believe) me. It's the second time I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in trouble this week – and it's only Wednesday!

## 10 Complete the conversation with words from the box.

bad-tempered   big-headed   good-looking  
kind-hearted   out-going   well-dressed

- Janie** What do you think of James, the new student? He's very good-looking, isn't he, with those gorgeous brown eyes? And I don't know where he buys his clothes, but he's always really <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. His parents probably give him a big allowance.
- Kate** He's OK, I suppose. He isn't very <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, he doesn't talk much in class. And he hardly ever smiles. In fact, sometimes he looks quite <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- Janie** I think he's just shy. I was talking to him yesterday in the canteen. Apparently, he's really into sports and he's a very good swimmer.
- Kate** He sounds a bit <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
- Janie** I don't agree. Did you know that he helps out at an old people's home in his free time? I think he's really <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kate** Hmm! I'm starting to think that you fancy him!

## Life events: collocations

### 11 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home and moved to England, where she met her future husband, Eric. They were at a party and when they saw each other, they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in love instantly. A few months later, they decided <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ married. They were married for over 40 years and they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ two children. Maria lives alone now as, sadly, Eric <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ away three years ago. She has lots of friends though and she's very busy – she's just bought a moped and now she <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to ride it.

### 12 Match the beginnings (1–5) to the endings (a–f) to make sentences.

- > d I was
- 1 \_\_\_ When I left
  - 2 \_\_\_ I learned
  - 3 \_\_\_ I went to university to get
  - 4 \_\_\_ Then I got
  - 5 \_\_\_ When I was 60, I retired
- a school, I wanted to work with cars.
  - b from my job and moved back to Germany.
  - c an engineering degree.
  - d born in a small town in Germany.
  - e to drive by driving the tractor on my father's farm.
  - f a job in France designing cars for Renault.

## Vocabulary

### First impressions: compound adjectives

#### 9 Match a word from box A with a word from box B to make compound adjectives. Then write A if it describes appearance, and 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

> badly-dressed A

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_