

## Assignment 2 – Past simple/continuous/perfect/perfect continuous and Present perfect/perfect continuous

### Exercise 1

1. It is already 9:30 PM and I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ here for over an hour. If John does not get here in the next five minutes, I am going to leave.
2. I was really angry at John yesterday. By the time he finally arrived, I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour. I almost left without him.
3. Did you hear that Ben was fired last month? He (work) \_\_\_\_\_ for that import company for more than ten years and he (work) \_\_\_\_\_ in almost every department. Nobody knew the company like he did.
4. I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt. Pictures of the monuments are very misleading. The pyramids are actually quite small.
5. Sarah (climb) \_\_\_\_\_ the Matterhorn, (sail) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world, and (go) \_\_\_\_\_ on safari in Kenya. She is such an adventurous person.
6. Sarah (climb) \_\_\_\_\_ the Matterhorn, (sail) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world and (go) \_\_\_\_\_ on safari in Kenya by the time she turned twenty-five. She (experience) more by that age than most people do in their entire lives.
7. When Melanie came into the office yesterday, her eyes were red and watery. I think she (cry) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise 2

My English is really getting better. I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn the language since 2010, but only recently have I been able to make some real progress. By the time I started high school in 2013, I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ the language for almost three years; however, I was only able to introduce myself and utter a few memorized sentences. For a couple more years, I (struggle) \_\_\_\_\_ through grammar and vocabulary lessons, which made absolutely no difference. Nothing worked, so I decided to study abroad.

I found an exchange program in England that sounded like the perfect answer. I (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ there the whole time staring at the host mother and father hoping that there would be some breakthrough. Nothing.

When I returned, I mentioned to a friend that I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ problems with the language for years. He recommended that I spend a year in an English speaking country. I decided to go abroad again. I (research) \_\_\_\_\_ exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.

Well, it worked. I (live) \_\_\_\_\_ and (study) in the U.S. for more than two years. I (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ here for at least another year before I return home. By then, I should be completely fluent.