

Revision of tenses

I. Choose the correct verb form:

1. How long *do you live / have you lived* here? - For two years.
Where *have you lived / did you live* before? – In Prague.
2. Look it's raining. – Is it? When *has it started / did it start*?
3. What *did you do / were you doing* yesterday at 4 o'clock? – I was at home. Why? – I thought I saw you at a bus stop. – No, it wasn't me. I *sat / was sitting* in my room and I *did / was doing* my homework.
4. Jane is away on holiday. – Oh, is she? Where *did she go / has she gone*?
5. Why is the kitchen so messy? What *have you done / have you been doing* there?
6. What are you looking for? – Well, I *lost / have lost* my keys again. *Have you seen / did you see* them anywhere?
7. Sorry, I'm late. *Are you waiting / Have you been waiting* long? – No, just about five minutes. Don't worry.
8. Jane is my good friend. I *have known / I have been knowing* her for more than ten years.
9. Do you often go on holiday? – No, I *didn't have / I haven't had* a holiday for five years.
10. How many plays *has Shakespeare written / did Shakespeare write*? – I'm not sure.
11. Everything is going well. We *didn't have / haven't had* any problems so far.
12. Margaret *didn't go / hasn't gone* to work because she wasn't feeling well.
13. Look. That girl over there *wears / is wearing* the same sweater as you.
14. Your son is much taller than when I last saw him. He *grew / has grown* a lot.
15. I still don't know what to do. I *didn't decide / I haven't decided* yet.
16. Jane had a book in front of her but she *didn't read / wasn't reading* it.
17. Mary wasn't happy in her new job at first but now she *begins / is beginning* to enjoy it.
18. When Sue heard the news she *wasn't / hasn't been* very pleased.
19. Where *are you coming from / do you come* from? Are you American?
20. Bob and Alice *are married / have been married* for 15 years.
21. Before we got our cat, we *never had / had never had* a pet in our family.

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form:

1. Why _____ (not / be) you at school yesterday? – I _____ (not / feel) well, so I _____ (stay) at home.
2. What's the problem? – I _____ (not / understand) this sentence. – I _____ (explain) it to you if you like.
3. This summer I _____ (go) to Paris and I am really looking forward to it. I _____ (never / be) there. – Paris is beautiful. You _____ (like) it. I _____ (go) there a few years ago and I _____ (love) it. When _____ (you / leave)? – July 5th.
4. When I saw him he _____ (talk) to some girl, but I don't know who she was. I _____ (never / meet) her before. She _____ (look) really good.
5. Oh, hello. I thought you _____ (be) on holiday? – Yes, we _____ (just / come) back. – _____ (you / have) a good time? – Yes, wonderful. The weather was beautiful, the sun _____ (shine) all the time.
6. Are you free on Saturday? – No, I _____ (go) to Prague to see my friends. – When _____ (you / come) back? – On Monday. You know, I _____ (not / work) this Monday, so I can stay there a bit longer than I originally wanted to.
7. How long _____ (you / live) here? – All my life. I _____ (be) born here. – So, you _____ (know) the town very well, _____ you?
8. What _____ (you / look) at? – Well, these are the photos from my holiday in Greece. _____ (you / want) to have a look as well? – No, not now. I must hurry to the station, the train _____ (leave) in twenty minutes. _____ (you / have) them there tomorrow?
9. Paul found a purse in the street. He _____ (not / know) what to do with it, so he _____ (take) it to the police station.

10. They invited me to their party, but I _____ (be) very busy because I _____ (study) for my exams. So, I _____ (cannot) come, but I phoned to apologize.
11. Where is Mary? I _____ (need) to speak to her. – Well, she _____ (be/not) here. She _____ (go) to the bank an hour ago, and she _____ (not / return) yet. – OK, when she _____ (come), tell her to come to my office immediately.
12. _____ (you / see) Paul today? – No, but I think he’s coming later today, but I _____ (not / know) when exactly.
13. This is too difficult for me. – What’s the problem? I _____ (explain) it to you if you like. – Really? That’s great. I _____ (not / understand) it at all. – Well, I _____ (do) something similar yesterday, so I can help.
14. You have got a new job, haven’t you? – Yes, I _____ (start) fourteen days ago, so I can’t say much yet. – What about your new colleagues? – Well, they _____ (be) nice, but still it’s too early. We _____ (see). – How _____ (you / get) it? – Well, my mother _____ (see) an advertisement in the paper and she _____ (tell) me about it. You know, I _____ (never / read) advertisements myself. So, I _____ (phone) there and I _____ (be) probably the best of all, so I _____ (get) it.
15. I _____ (spend) the summer in England. I _____ (come) back last week. – Oh, I see. Your English _____ (improve) a lot. – Thanks.
16. What _____ (you / have) for breakfast? – I _____ (not / eat) anything yet today. I _____ (oversleep), so I _____ (be) in a hurry in the morning. – Well, we _____ (have) lunch now, so come with us.
17. I’m tired, I can’t go on. I _____ (finish) it tomorrow. There is still some time. – Why _____ (not / do) it yesterday? – I worked on it, but it’s too long. – OK, I _____ (help) you with it tomorrow morning. – Thanks.

III. Complete the sentences:

1. A: _____ (you / go) out last night?
B: No, _____ (I / stay) at home.
A: What _____ (you / do)?
B: _____ (I / watch) television.
A: _____ (you / go) out tomorrow night?
B: Yes, _____ (I/go) to the cinema.
A: Which film _____ (you / see)?
B: _____ (I/not/know). I _____ (not / decide) yet.

2. A: Are you on holiday here?
B: Yes, we are.
A: How long _____ (you / be) here?
B: We _____ (arrive) yesterday.
A: And how long _____ (you / stay)?
B: Until the end of next week.
A: And _____ (you / like) it here?
B: Yes, we _____ (have) a wonderful time.

3. A: Oh, I _____ (just/ remember) – Jill _____
(phone) while you were out.
B: She _____ (always / phone) when I'm not here.
_____ (she / leave) a message?
A: No, but she _____ (want) you to phone her back as soon as
possible.
B: OK, I _____ (phone) her now. _____ (you / know)
her number?
A: It's in my address book. I _____ (get) it for you.

- A: I _____ (go) out with Chris and Steve this evening. _____
 _____ (you / want) to come with us?
- B: Yes, where _____ (you / go)?
- A: To the Italian restaurant in North Street. _____ (you / ever/
 eat) there?
- B: Yes, I _____ (be) there two or three times. In fact I _____ (go)
 there last night but I'd love to go again.
4. A: _____ (I/lose) my glasses again. _____ (you / see)
 them?
- B: You _____ (wear) them when I _____ (come) in.
- A: Well, I _____ (not / wear) now, so where are they?
- B: : _____ (you / look) in the kitchen?
- A: No, _____ (I / go) and look now.

IV. Complete the sentences using a suitable form of the verbs in brackets:

1. Maria Fernandez is Spanish. She lives in Madrid, where she _____ (1
 work) for an export company. She _____ (2 be) with this company for
 two years now. At the moment she _____ (3 study) English on a one-
 month intensive course in London. She _____ (4 be) in London for
 one week now. She _____ (5 arrive) there last Saturday. This is not
 Maria's first time in Britain. She _____ (6 be) there twice before.
2. I woke up when I _____ (1 hear) a noise downstairs. I _____ (2
 get) out of bed quietly because my wife _____ (3 still / sleep) and
 _____ (4 go) to the top of the stairs. It was dark, but I could see two men
 downstairs in the living room. They _____ (5 try) to open the safe.
 When I _____ (6 switch) on the light, the two men _____ (7
 run) into the kitchen and _____ (8 escape) out of the back door. Then,

before, I _____ (9 have) a chance to do anything, I _____
(10 hear) a police car pull up outside the house. A neighbour of mine
_____ (11 see) the men breaking into my house and
_____ (12 phone) for the police.

V. Choose the correct form:

1. It's 6.30 in the evening and Sally has just come home. Simon is in the kitchen.

Sally: Hi, Simon. Something *smells / is smelling* (1) nice. What *do you cook / are you cooking* (2) ?

Simon: I *make / I'm making* (3) some onion soup. Would you like some?

Sally: No, thanks. I'm not hungry at the moment. *I've just had / I just had* (4) something to eat in town.

Simon: Oh? What *did you have / have you had* (5) ?

Sally: *I've met / I met* (6) Peter at 5.00 and we *were going / went* (7) to Alfredo's for a pizza. Can I just taste the soup? *It's looking / It looks* (8) delicious. Umm! Very good. I think. It's the best onion soup *I've ever tasted / I've ever been tasting.* (9)

2. Andrew's friend, Les, has bought a new bicycle.

Les: Hi, Andrew. *Do you like / Are you liking* (1) my new bike?

Andrew: Yes, very much! I didn't know you'd bought a bike. How long *have you had / do you have* it? (2)

Les: Oh, *I've only had / I've only been having* (3) it for a few days. I *bought / I've bought* (4) it last weekend.

Andrew: How much *did it cost / has it cost?* (5)

Les: £ 120. *I'd been saving / I've been saving* (6) for over a year to buy it.

3. Mrs Wood has hurt here arm. She is at the doctor's:

Doctor: Does your arm hurt when you move it, Mrs Woods?

Mrs Woods: Yes, a little. *It's hurting / It's been hurting* (1) me for about a week now. I *fell / I was falling* (2) off a ladder when *I cleaned / I was cleaning* (3) the windows at home last Saturday. *Are you thinking / Do you think* (4) that *I've broken / I broke* (5) my arm, doctor?

Doctor: No, you *didn't break / haven't broken* (6) it, Mrs Woods. But I think you should go to hospital for an X-ray.

VI. Mistakes – tick the right sentences, correct the wrong ones (there is only one mistake in the wrong sentences):

1. What do you drink? It looks awful. – It does, but it's great. Do you want to taste it?
2. I tryed to open the box, but I didn't manage.
3. I don't believe a word he says.
4. Are you hungry? – No, I've just had lunch.
5. Are you from Prague? – No, I live all my life in Brno.
6. What are you doing tonight? – We're going to the cinema.
7. I read some plays by Shakespeare but I've never seen any on stage.
8. How did you break your leg? – I was going skiing at the weekend.
9. I usually go to school by bus, but today I take a train.
10. My grandfather died in 1985. I have never met him.
11. The room stinks. Somebody has smoked here.
12. When we arrived at the theatre, the play already started. We were 20 minutes late.
13. When I arrived at the station, Carol was already waiting for me.
14. It hasn't been raining since last Monday, but the weather forecast says it should rain today or tomorrow.
15. What do you work on? – It's my history project. Do you want to have a look?

Answer key

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I.

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. have you lived, did you live | 11. haven't had |
| 2. did it start | 12. didn't go |
| 3. were you doing, was sitting, was doing | 13. is wearing |
| 4. has she gone | 14. has grown |
| 5. have you been doing | 15. haven't decided |
| 6. have lost, have you seen | 16. wasn't reading |
| 7. have you been waiting long | 17. is beginning |
| 8. have known | 18. wasn't |
| 9. haven't had | 19. do you come |
| 10. did Shakespeare write | 20. have been married |
| | 21. had never had |

II.

1. weren't you, wasn't feeling / didn't feel, stayed
2. don't understand, I'll explain
3. am going, have never been, will like, went, loved, are you leaving
4. was talking, had never met her before
5. were, have just come, did you have, was shining
6. am going, are you coming, am not working
7. have you lived here, was born, know, don't you
8. are you looking, do you want, leaves, will you have
9. didn't know, took
10. was, was studying, couldn't
11. need, isn't, went, hasn't returned, comes
12. Have you seen, don't know
13. I'll explain, don't understand, did
14. started, are, will see, did you get, saw, told, never read, phoned, was, got
15. spent, came, has improved
16. did you have, haven't eaten, overslept, was, are going to have
17. I'll finish, didn't you do, I'll help

III.

1. did you go
stayed
did you do
watched
Are you going
I am going
are you going to watch
I don't know, haven't decided

2. have you been
arrived
are you staying / are you going to stay
do you like
are having
3. I've just remembered, phoned
She always phones, Did she leave
she wants
I'll phone , do you know
I'll get
4. I'm going out, Do you want to come
Are you going
Have you ever eaten
I have been, went
5. I've lost, Have you seen
You were wearing, came
I am not wearing
Have you looked/ Did you look
I'll go

IV.

1.
 1. works
 2. has been
 3. is studying
 4. has been
 5. arrived
 6. has been
2.

1. heard	7. ran
2. got	8. escaped
3. was still sleeping	9. had
4. went	10. heard
5. were trying	11. had seen
6. switched on	12. had phoned

V.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. |
| 1. smells | 1. do you like | 1. it's been hurting |
| 2. are you cooking | 2. have you had | 2. I fell |
| 3. I'm making | 3. I've only had | 3. I was cleaning |
| 4. I've just had | 4. I bought | 4. do you think |
| 5. did you have | 5. did it cost | 5. I've broken |
| 6. I met | 6. I'd been saving | 6. haven't broken |
| 7. we went | | |
| 8. It looks | | |
| 9. I've ever tasted | | |

VI. *wrong or right*

1. w – are you drinking
2. w – tried
3. r
4. r
5. w – I have lived
6. r
7. w – I've read
8. w - went skiing / was skiing
9. w – I'm taking
10. w – I never met
11. w – has been smoking
12. w – had already started
13. r
14. w – it hasn't rained
15. w – are you working