

GRAMMAR EXAM

I_ COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PAST PROGRESSIVE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

- While I _____ (walk) home from school, I _____ (see) a man stealing a car.
- Last week I _____ (sell) my old car and bought a new one.
- Peter _____ (arrive) home just as I _____ (wrap) his present.
- I _____ (wear) a Spiderman costume to the fancy dress party last Friday.
- I _____ (think) about Jason when suddenly I _____ (see) him in the street.
- David _____ (drive) along a narrow mountain road when an animal _____ (run) across the road.
- I _____ (study) in London at the time.
- While Erica _____ (have) a haircut, her sister _____ (read) magazines.

II_ COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PAST PROGRESSIVE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

A GUIDED TOUR OF KERALA

Apart from being fascinating, India is such an enormous country that it is almost impossible for tourists to see all of it. So, when I

(1) _____ (decide) to travel there, my friend, Sunil Kumar, suggested that I go to Kerala, a state on the tropical coast of southwestern India. He (2) _____ (offer) to be my tour guide because he (3) _____ (stay) in Kerala for a few weeks at the time. On my first day in Kerala we (4) _____ (go) to Cochin, a city with ancient churches and beautiful historical palaces. Our next stop was the capital of Kerala, Trivandrum. There, we (5) _____ (visit) a famous temple - the name of which I couldn't possibly pronounce - and then we (6) _____ (drive) to the Zoological Gardens. As we (7) _____ (walk) through the zoo, huge elephants (8) _____ (pass) by us and I watched them in fascination.

Later, we went to a restaurant to have lunch. While we (9) _____ (wait) for our chicken masala and the sun (10) _____ (shine), suddenly it (11) _____ (start) to rain. Sunil said this was very common in tropical parts of the world. We (12) _____ (spend) the next days visiting palaces and eating spicy food. I will never forget my trip to India and the breathtaking beauty of the country.



III_ COMPLETE THE SENTENCES BELOW WITH THE PAST PERFECT SIMPLE or THE PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE.

1. After I _____ (leave) the house, I realised that I hadn't switched off the oven.
2. Gail went out with her friends after she _____ (finish) her homework.
3. By the time John's parents got home, he _____ (clean) the house.
4. Jane got home last night at 11 o'clock, and she went straight to bed because she _____ (work) since 7 in the morning.
5. John _____ (travel) around Europe for two months when he met Julie on a train going to Istanbul.
6. After Cathy _____ (buy) her new washing machine, she discovered it was not working.
7. Alex was annoyed with Anna because he _____ (wait) for her in the pouring rain for over an hour.

IV_ COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE PAST SIMPLE, PAST PROGRESSIVE, PAST PERFECT SIMPLE or PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

A HOLIDAY FOR THE LORD OF THE RINGS FANS



Gaby is a huge *Lord of the Rings* fan, so when her husband Brian told her that he (1) _____ (book) them tickets to New Zealand, where the film had been made, she was overjoyed. She (2) _____ (try) to persuade her husband to go for months. The couple went to Wellington, which was used as the town of Bree in the film. Gaby and Brian (3) _____ (take) a *Lord of the Rings* tour of Wellington and the Kaitoke Regional Park. They also (4) _____ (go) on a tour of Hobbiton, the film set. While they (5) _____ (walk) around, they (6) _____ (visit) the homes of Bilbo and Frodo. Another place they (7) _____ (go) to was Queenstown, where many of the countryside scenes were filmed. Gaby particularly (8) _____ (enjoy) going to the Ford of Bruinen because this is where Arwen (9) _____ (drive) back the Black Riders.

Brian and Gaby also (10) _____ (take) a helicopter ride around Queenstown and (11) _____ (end) their holiday back in Wellington. On their last day, they (12) _____ (go) to the Botanic Gardens; they (13) _____ (stroll) through the ancient forest when they (14) _____ (realise) that they (15) _____ (have) only an hour to get to the airport for their flight home! Luckily, they (16) _____ (already / pack) and they (17) _____ (find) a taxi easily, so they (18) _____ (get) to the airport on time.



V_ REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.

1. Before I had children, I often went shopping with my friends. (used)

2. In those days, my friends from India cooked chicken curry every other day. (would)

3. Did you go swimming a lot when you were a teenager? (use)

4. Suzie didn't visit her grandparents a lot but now she does. (to)

5. As a child, Monica spent many hours playing in the park. (would)

VI_ CHOOSE THE WORD or PHRASE THAT PRODUCES A GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT SENTENCE.

1. This is the first time Jane _____ that dress. It looks really nice on her.

- a. wears b. has worn c. will wear d. is wearing

2. How long has it been since you last _____ France?

- a. visit b. have visited c. had visited d. visited

3. I haven't had the time to check out the new shopping centre _____.

- a. already b. ever c. still d. yet

4. Peter, _____ I have known all my life, would never do anything to hurt my feelings.

- a. who b. that c. which d. whose

5. I am reading a book about a woman _____ husband gets killed in a war.

- a. who b. that c. whose d. when

6. The hotel _____ we stayed at was so luxurious that it even had a golf course and a fully-equipped gym.

- a. there b. which c. when d. who

7. You _____ to consider becoming a Maths teacher. You really have a head for numbers.

- a. should b. must c. ought d. had better

8. I _____ to work yesterday. It took me half an hour to find a parking space.

- a. shouldn't drive b. shouldn't have driven c. ought to drive d. should have driven

VIII_ COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE or THE PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE.

1. Jeremy _____ (learn) Spanish ever since he was in primary school.
2. Sarah is studying to be a hairdresser and _____ (already / cut) her sister's hair five times this year.
3. Natasha _____ (always / want) to be a doctor.
4. I _____ (try) to get through to my dentist all day but it seems she's not in today.
5. Ted _____ (never / be) late before so there must be something wrong.
6. How long _____ it _____ (be) since you last went out with your husband without the kids?
7. I _____ (just / finish) doing my homework and I am exhausted.
8. Ted _____ (paint) the house all day and his clothes are in an awful mess.
9. _____ (you / call) Victoria to invite her to the party we're throwing on Saturday?
10. How long _____ (you / do) yoga for? You have excellent concentration skills!