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Grammar

Past tenses

I can talk about events that took place in the past.

1 **SPEAKING** **Describe the photo. Have you ever been to a wedding? What was it like?**

LEARN THIS! Past tenses

a We use the past simple for a sequence of events that happened one after the other.

b We use the past continuous to describe an activity that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

c We use the past simple for a single event that interrupted a longer event in the past. We use the past continuous for the longer event.

d We use the past perfect for an event that happened before another time in the past.

2 **Read the Learn this! box. Match a–d with four sentences from 1–9.**

1 We went to the wedding ceremony in the town hall, then on to the reception – we ate loads then danced all night.
2 They've been having dancing lessons, so now they're both really confident on the dancefloor.
3 We were eating dinner when the band began to play.
4 We were celebrating all day on the wedding day.
5 My mum had ordered the cake the week before the wedding.
6 My older sister has been living with her fiancé for two years.
7 My little sister has been a bridesmaid three times.
8 My cousin has been engaged for six weeks.
9 I haven't met my cousin's fiancé yet.

3 **Complete the sentences with the correct past simple, past continuous, or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 My brother _____ (learn) to drive while he _____ (study) at university.
2 It _____ (snow) all the time that we _____ (drive) up to Scotland.
3 I _____ (grow) up in London, but when I was sixteen, we _____ (move) to Edinburgh.
4 My sister finally _____ (get) her first job a year after she _____ (leave) university!
5 My mum _____ (emigrate) to New York, and she _____ (start) a business while she _____ (live) there.
6 I _____ (meet) my best friend last night. I _____ (not see) her for over a year!

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4 **Read the Learn this! box. Then find examples from the sentences in exercise 2 for each rule (a–e).**

LEARN THIS! Present perfect simple and continuous

We use the present perfect simple to talk about:

a how long a current situation has existed (often with *for* and *since*).

b a completed experience at an unspecified time in the past.

c an event that is strongly connected with the present (often with *just*, *already* and *yet*).

We use the present perfect continuous to talk about:

d an event that began in the past and is still in progress. (We often use *for* or *since* to say how long the event has been in progress.)

e an event that has recently stopped and which explains the present situation.

5 **Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.**

1 I've **been reading / read** this book all week, but I still haven't **been finishing / finished** it.
2 Mary's face is red because she has **been jogging / jogged** for an hour.
3 My parents have been **marrying / married** for 25 years.
4 It's **been raining / rained** all morning and I don't think it'll ever stop.
5 We've **been buying / bought** a new house, and we move in next week!
6 I've **been studying / studied** maths all night, but it still doesn't make any sense to me.

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6 **Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct tense from the two Learn this! boxes.**

I [1]_____ just _____ (receive) an email from my cousin Carl. I [2]_____ (not see) him since he [3]_____ (get) married last summer. We all [4]_____ (go) to the wedding. It [5]_____ (be) great fun. I [6]_____ (not go) to a wedding before. Anyway, he and Sally [7]_____ (be) married for about nine months now. They [8]_____ (live) in London since the marriage. According to Carl, Sally [9]_____ (work) really hard and her boss [10]_____ (offer) her a job in the Paris office. That's great news. She's going to accept it. She [11]_____ (learn) French while she [12]_____ (live) in France in the 1990s, so she'll have no problem settling in there.

7 **SPEAKING** **Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.**

1 How many family events have you been to in the past few years?
2 What kind of events were they? What happened?

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