

Past tenses, present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

1 Correct the mistake in each sentence. There may be more than one possible answer.

- 1 Last week I ~~have met~~ my best friend in town and we went for a pizza. met
- 2 After I was finishing my homework, I watched TV. _____
- 3 While I was buying some jeans, I was seeing a T-shirt I liked. _____
- 4 By the time Alex got home, he ran two kilometres. _____
- 5 Recently I have been doing a lot of personality quizzes and I was enjoying them a lot. _____
- 6 My sister used to cut my hair last week, so it's much shorter than it used to be. _____
- 7 I'd never eaten octopus before I tried it yesterday – that was the first time I ever had it. _____
- 8 I've been doing my project all day, but I haven't been finishing yet. _____

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Read the article and choose the correct option.



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When you 1 **started/used to start** learning a new language, 2 **have you thought/did you think** about your personality? People 3 **have investigated/have been investigating** personality for hundreds of years, but it 4 **wasn't/hadn't been** until more recently that they looked into language and personality. Researchers 5 **already discovered/had already discovered** that bilingual speakers perceive colours differently, but recently they 6 **were finding/have found** that many people have different personalities in each language they speak. While they 7 **were doing/have been doing** one study, two linguists 8 **interviewed/had interviewed** more than 1,000 bilingual speakers, and over 66% said when they spoke different languages, they felt like a different person. I 9 **had studied/had been studying** English for years before I 10 **realised/was realising** that this was true for me. I 11 **was thinking/used to think** that people's personalities were 'fixed', but now I know that's not so. I 12 **just started/have just started** learning Spanish, so will I soon have a third personality?

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2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the continuous form where possible.

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My best friend

My best friend is called Elijah or Eli for short. I used to live in New York, but we 1 moved (move) to Los Angeles when I was 13. We 2 _____ (not live) there for long when I 3 _____ (meet) Eli. I 4 _____ (explore) my new neighbourhood, but I 5 _____ (get) lost. I 6 _____ (forget) to bring my phone, so I couldn't call home. Suddenly, I 7 _____ (notice) a boy about my age. He 8 _____ (smile) at me and asked if I was all right. I 9 _____ (explain) what 10 _____ (happen) and Eli showed me the way home. On the way, we 11 _____ (chat) about lots of different things and 12 _____ (discover) we had a lot in common. We've been friends ever since then!

