

## Grammar: past and present tenses

### 1 Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 It was the most beautiful sunset I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever / see).
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) for hours and my feet ached.
- 3 Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to the radio when I called him.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / be) abroad so I think I'll go to France next year.
- 5 Pete said he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / call) me yesterday because he was studying.
- 6 It \_\_\_\_\_ (take) eight minutes for the light from the sun to reach Earth.
- 7 'David \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into town. Do you want him to get anything?'
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in front of this computer all day. It's time I took a break.

### 2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 The children ate / have eaten / have been eating the biscuits already. I only bought them an hour ago!
- 2 While I walked / was walking / have been walking into town, I saw an accident.
- 3 Peter works / has worked / has been working on the project for a week now.
- 4 I broke / was breaking / have broken my leg in a skiing accident last May.
- 5 Julian chopped / was chopping / has been chopping the vegetables while I made the sauce.
- 6 I didn't read / haven't read / haven't been reading the book yet because I'm so busy.
- 7 Lillian has / is having / has been having her piano lesson at the moment.
- 8 What did you do / were you doing / have you been doing? You're covered in mud.

### 3 Complete the sentences that follow in your own words.

- 1 Late last night I \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ this time next week?
- 3 Have you \_\_\_\_\_ any time recently?
- 4 I had already \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ if you'd like to come too.



### 4 Read the text and complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (not / forget) the first time our team played in a knock-out football tournament. No one (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) us to get as far as we did – all the way to the final – as we were generally considered to be the outsiders, but knowing we might be up against the long standing champions, we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (train) every day for months.

On the day of the match, I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) to see that the sun (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (shine). I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) on my football kit and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) eagerly for Dad to announce it was time to go. When we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the football pitch I joined my team mates who (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (already / do) warm ups and there was a definite sense of excitement and tension in the air. Our coach said, 'Remember, you (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (train) for the past year for this moment. Give it all you've got!'

We (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (march) out onto the field, and after shaking hands with each other, the referee (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (toss) his coin and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) his whistle. The next 90 minutes (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) in a blur, but I could hear kids from our school who (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) us on. The other team (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) pressure on us the whole time and there were some close shaves, until finally in the second half they managed to score. It (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to look bad for us; with only five minutes left of the game we were one goal down. Suddenly I (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my chance! Thanks to a straight pass from a team mate I (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (kick) the ball straight into the net. The whistle blew. It (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a draw, but then we went to penalties and beat them: five goals to four!