

PARAPHRASING + TENSES

- CHANGE THESE SENTENCES USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS AND KEEPING THE SAME IDEAS.

- 1) That's strange! My pen isn't here! (disappeared)
_____.
- 2) I didn't take the French course at high school, that's why I can't speak it now. (conditional)
If _____ French now.
- 3) I felt really tired, so I stayed at home and had a rest. (because)
_____.
- 4) Jenny can't wait to travel with you. (forward)
Jenny _____ with you.
- 5) I started working here seven years ago. In 2013 I believed I wouldn't last! (since)
_____.
- 6) Don't forget the lights when you leave. (off)
Don't forget _____ when you leave.
- 7) This sweater isn't big enough for Megan. (too)
_____.
- 8) I'm so exhausted that I won't be able to go out tonight. (too)
I _____ go out tonight.
- 9) Although Tim felt tired, he stayed up to finish his homework. (However)
_____.
- 10) We've arranged to meet Jim and Beth at the café at 4.15. (are)
We _____ Jim and Beth at the café at 4.15.
- 11) For me it's OK if you want us to go that way. (don't mind)
_____.
- 12) The police arrived but the robbers weren't there. (already)
When the police arrived, _____.

13) I'm sure you heard the news! (haven't you?)

_____.

14) Tony last cleaned the house a year ago. (for)

Tony _____ a year.

15) I'm still writing my profile. (yet)

_____.

• PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE.

This happened about ten years ago. I _____ (1-stay) with a college friend, Sarah, in the country. They _____ (2-recently buy) an old country house a few miles from Cambridge and she _____ (3-invite) me down to see it. Anyway, it was a dark, winter afternoon and we _____ (4-chat) in the sitting room. Sarah's mum _____ (5-go) shopping a little while earlier, so we were alone in the house. Then, to our surprise, we _____ (6-heard) someone walking around in the room above. However, Sarah said that her mom _____ (7-forget) something because she had a bad memory. So, we _____ (8-take) no notice and _____ (9-carry on) talking. Imagine our surprise when five minutes later we _____ (10-look out) the window and _____ (11-see) Sarah's mum in her car driving up to the house!

So, who...or what... _____ (12-walk) around upstairs?

Highlighted words:

- 1- 2013 = Bear this year in mind when writing the sentence!
- 2- Although = A pesar de.
- 3- However = Sin embargo.
- 4- Haven't you? = Echo question to request further information or show interest.
- 5- Around upstairs = Here you will have to use Past Perfect Continuous (had + been + verb 3rd column)