

TENSES: PRESENT AND PAST

Complete with the Present Simple or the Present Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

A: Who was on the phone?

B: It was Jessica. She (come) to visit us next week.

A: That's great news! she (still / live) in Coventry?

B: No, not any more. She moved to Manchester because she found a job there. She (stay) at her brother's place until she (find) her own flat.

A: she (like) it there?

B: I (think) so, but you can ask her next week.

A: What you (do) there, Diane?

B: I (search) for a film to watch on the Internet. Carla (not want) to come to the cinema with me so I (stay) at home to watch one on the computer. I (think) of downloading a comedy.

A: I (love) comedies. Let's watch it together.

A: What (Mary / do) these days?

B: She (study) at Manford University.

A: (she / like) it there?

B: Yes, she (send) me an email every week with all her news. Listen. I (plan) on visiting her in two weeks. Why don't you join me?

B: Sure.

1. Traffic really (annoy) me. Fortunately, it (decrease) in our city. It must be because of the new underground stations.
2. Steven (not mind) staying in a hostel during his summer holidays.
3. I (attend) a lecture at the Business Centre this afternoon. Are you interested?
4. Robert and Jenny (think) about selling their house. I (not think) it's a very good idea, though.
5. The Earth (go) around the Sun.
6. Jack (visit) his family in New York at the moment.
7. You (look) exhausted. You should take a nap.
8. The train from Rome (arrive) at 10.30 a.m. daily.

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

	PRESENT SIMPLE	PRESENT CONTINUOUS	
	I usually visit museums. We use the present simple to talk about habits	We are enjoying this trip today! We use the present continuous to talk about activities in progress	

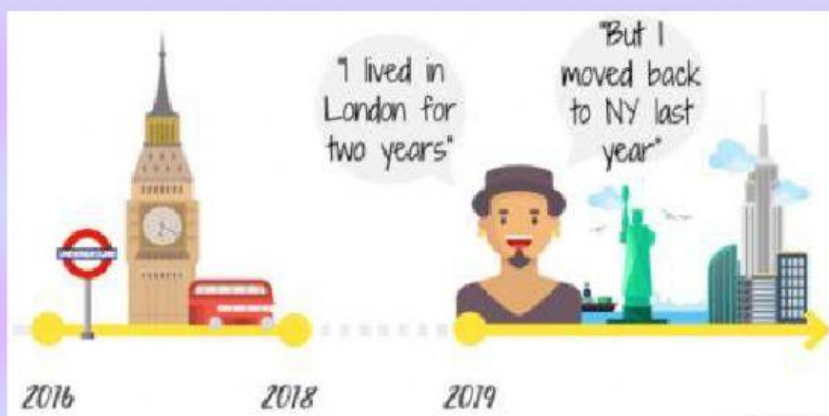
Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. As Kevin (climb) the mountain, he (slip) and almost (fall) off the edge. Luckily, he (hold) onto a branch at the last minute.
2. While Jessica (cook) in the kitchen, she suddenly (hear) a loud noise.
3. As soon as Billy (go) home, he (turn) on the television to watch the news.
4. Tim (drive) along the beachfront and the sun (shine) over the sea.
5. Greg (read) a book while I (play) a game on the computer.
6. Jack (wait) at the bus stop when a car (skid) on ice and (crash) into a tree.
7. We (watch) TV when all of a sudden the lights (go out).
8. Dennis (read) a book while I (wash) the car outside.
9. Jane (jog) in the park when she (trip) and (graze) her knee.
10. They (not have) dinner when I (call) them. They (watch) a film.
11. The baby (start) crying as soon as she (hear) the loud noise.
12. It (rain) as I (drive) to work yesterday.

Complete with the Present Perfect Simple or the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- A: (you / see) Jessica recently? I (not hear) from her for more than a month. I (send) her an email last week but she (not answer) yet.
- B: Well, actually I (speak) to her last night. We (chat) on the Net for a while. She (be) very busy lately. She (get) a new job two months ago and she (move) to Paris! Can you believe that?

- A: I think it's time to buy a new mobile phone, Frank. How long (you / have) this old one?
- B: I (have) it for years. I (buy) it in 2010, I think. I (never / have) a problem with it, so why do I need a new one?
- A: Because a lot of newer phones (come out) lately. You should get a smartphone.
- B: I (think) about buying one last year but then I (realise) that I just don't need it. I only use my mobile to make calls.
- A: I see.



Complete with the Past Simple, the Present Perfect Simple or the Present Perfect Progressive.

A: Listen, Jack, let's stop. We (jog) for over half an hour and I'm exhausted.
 B: Already?
 A: Yeah. I (not do) any form of exercise for a while. I'm out of shape. I (want) to join a gym two months ago but I (not manage) to. I (be) too busy.
 B: Well, that's not good. You should exercise more often. you (ever / think) about taking up jogging? You can jog any time of the day; early in the morning or even late at night.
 I (lose) ten pounds since I (start), but the most important thing is that I feel great.

A: Hello?
 B: Hi, Tina! How are things? What you (do) all morning?
 A: Well, nothing interesting, that's for sure. I (cook) and (clean) since I (get) up. I (not have) coffee or breakfast yet.
 B: But why?
 A: My parents (call) last night to tell me that they're coming to visit me. They (never / be) here before so it's like a short holiday for them.
 B: I see. Do you need any help? I (just / finish) work, so I could come over.
 A: Thanks, but I've got everything under control.

Complete with the Past Simple, the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Progressive

- Kevin (finish) his History homework by midnight.
- Victor (work) in the bank for 12 years when he (retire).
- How long (wait) for Stacy before you (decide) to call her?
- Rita (look) for her cat for three days when she finally (manage) to find it.
- All the guests (already / arrive) when we (get) to the barbecue.
- The passengers (fall) overboard before the boat (sink).
- We (be) dirty because we (clean out) the garage all day.
- By the time Tom (return) from work, the baby (have) a bath.
- By 4 p.m. I (feel) exhausted. I (shop) since 10 a.m. I (be) pleased with myself, though, because I (buy) a beautiful, cheap pair of boots.
- By the time Wendy (get) to the bus stop, the bus (leave).
- Isabel (wait) for half an hour when the waiter finally (take) her order.
- Oliver and Fred really (enjoy) the museum. They (not be) there before.

