

Review unit 2

Verb tenses

- 1a** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous or past perfect simple.



A bad day

- 1 Last Tuesday my computer broke while I _____ (try) to finish an important piece of work.
- 2 So I _____ (call) a friend who knows about computers, and he came over straightaway.
- 3 He _____ (have) a look at it, but he couldn't fix it.
- 4 He _____ (take) my keys so he could come back to fix it the next day while I was at work.
- 5 The next morning when I _____ (try) to leave for work, I discovered that he _____ (lock) my front door from the outside, and I couldn't get out of the flat.
- 6 My parents _____ (travel) abroad, and no one else I know _____ (have) a spare key.
- 7 I tried to call my friend, but he _____ (leave) his phone in my flat. It _____ (ring) right next to me.
- 8 I _____ (have) to wait for him to arrive, and so I was very late for work.

- 4 Choose the best verb tense to complete the text about Steve and Julia's unlucky honeymoon.

Steve and Julia didn't have the honeymoon they ¹*were always dreaming / ~~had always dreamt~~* of. When they arrived at the airport, their flight ²*took / had taken* off. They had to catch another flight later on and ³*missed / were missing* most of the first day of their honeymoon.

There was another problem when they arrived at their hotel. While they ⁴*were waiting / waited* for a room, one of their bags ⁵*had disappeared / disappeared*. Fortunately, it was returned soon after – one of the other guests ⁶*was taking / had taken* it by mistake.

They decided to enjoy the rest of the day and visit the city centre. They ⁷*were going / had gone* back to the hotel when it started to rain heavily. The taxi driver said he ⁸*hadn't seen / didn't see* such bad weather in a long time.

It ⁹*rained / had rained* most of the week they were there; but fortunately, they ¹⁰*had already gone / went* back home when a hurricane hit the island. While they ¹¹*were watching / had watched* the news at home, they felt really lucky after all.

Linkers

- 2a Each of the sentences comes from a different story. Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 *By the time / As soon as* he arrived, she had already left.
- 2 *While / During* the summer, he worked in an ice cream van.
- 3 He stayed there alone *by the time / until* it got dark, then, feeling sad, he went home.
- 4 He walked off happily. *Meanwhile / While*, she was already planning her revenge.
- 5 *As soon as / During* he got home, he turned on the news.
- 6 *By the time / While* I was walking to work, I saw something very strange.

Communication

- 5a Choose the correct options to complete sentences 1-5 and a-e about April Fools' Day hoaxes.



1 April is a traditional day for playing tricks, and every year reputable companies and organizations join in the fun.

- 1 In 1957, the BBC announced / *told* that Swiss farmers were going to have an excellent spaghetti crop that year. c
 - 2 In 1976, BBC Radio 2 *admitted* / *interviewed* an astronomer who said that at 9.47 that morning, due to an astronomical event, gravity on Earth would change. ____
 - 3 In 1998, Burger King *invented* / *claimed* they would launch a hamburger specially designed for left-handed people. ____
 - 4 In 2008, a BBC documentary *reported* / *informed* a revolutionary discovery: a group of penguins that had learnt how to fly. ____
 - 5 In 2000, Google said they had *invented* / *mentioned* a new machine called MentalPlex. ____
- a He *told* / *reported* the listeners that if they jumped in the air at that exact time, they would float for a while.
- b All the users had to do was *keep* / *admit* quiet while the program read their minds.
- c They only *informed* / *admitted* it was a joke after hundreds of people called the radio station asking how to plant the crop.
- d The documentary *mentioned* / *told* that the birds flew to South America in the winter.
- e The advertisement *informed* / *claimed* customers that the ingredients were rotated 180 degrees.

7 Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 A famous palaeontologist said he had made a revolutionary discovery. (claim)
A famous palaeontologist claimed he had made a revolutionary discovery.
- 2 Journalists from all over the world wanted to ask him questions. (interview)

- 3 The National Science Association said he was going to be investigated for fraud. (announce)

- 4 He didn't say anything during the investigation. (keep quiet)

- 5 The scientist said he had invented some information to prove his theory. (admit)

- 6 A national scientific magazine informed readers about the whole story in a special edition. (report)

4 Complete the sentences with an appropriate verb from the box in the correct form.

admit announce claim inform keep quiet mention

- 1 Lucy _____ you had a new job, but she didn't say much about it.
- 2 At first he denied having taken the money, but in the end he _____ it was him.
- 3 'Ladies and gentlemen, I am very happy to _____ that the winner of the award is ...'
- 4 He _____ he had once worked for the Queen, but I didn't believe him.
- 5 If you can't say anything nice, you'd better _____.
- 6 'I'm sorry to _____ you that the company is closing down.'