

Revision: Tenses

1) Are the following sentences right or wrong? Correct the wrong ones.

- a) The childs generally play hockey at weekends.
- b) Are you study English on weekdays?
- c) My parents don't lives in the countryside because they loves the city life.
- d) Does Charly work in a big company?
- e) Was your brother cooking when you arrive home last night?
- f) Did your sister took a summer course last year?
- g) Are there some papers on the table today?

2) Use Simple Present, Simple Past or Past Continuous to complete the following text

Jeff _____ (be) an ex- stock broker who, nowadays, _____ (live) in New York. He _____ (be) born in Greenwich Village – the richest area of Manhattan- in 1973 and _____ (do) his elementary and high school in the Big Apple. When he _____ (graduate) from high school he _____ (apply) for one of the most important universities in the world : Harvard. Jeff _____ (not believe) that he could get a place there but both his parents and school teachers _____ (know) that he _____ (have) all the necessary qualifications to be accepted. Finally , he got a scholarship and _____ (become) a “Harvard boy”. He graduated with honours and _____ (start) working in Wall Street. One day, in 1995, while he _____ (be dealing) with an important business, he _____ (realize) he _____ (not want) to continue living there... He was exhausted with all the rush in Wall Street..., “The Bull”, “The Bear”, stressing and neverending working hours.... So, soon after that day, he _____ (pack) his backpack and _____ (take) the first plane to South America. On a hot and humid summer day, he _____ (arrive) in Colombia....Jeff was absolutely

amazed. While he _____ (walk) along the beautiful streets of Cartagena, he _____ (meet) a lot of new people. Those people _____ (live) in a completely different way...Or at least, a way of living that Jeff _____ (not know) that existed... Days and months passed by. He _____ (travel) along the Pacific Coast, the Andes and one day, he _____ (decide) to cross from Santiago de Chile to Argentina. It _____ (be) love at first sight. He was not a stock broker anymore. He was just a young boy discovering a magic place. Days, weeks, months went by as he knew lots of great people and places. In June, 1996, he arrived in Buenos Aires...he _____ (rent) a small room in Recoleta and _____ (get) a job as a teacher of English in a small institute... He _____ (find out) that teaching was his passion...and that he didn't want to come back to the Stock Exchange anymore! 2001 in Argentina was not the best of years, and Jeff _____ (have) projects to start his own teaching business. He travelled to New York with the idea of staying for a couple of weeks to visit family and friends... However, tragedy touched his family and his brother was caught on the Twin Towers that terrible Sept 11th. Jeff _____ (be) lost for a couple of weeks until he was found in Queens, wandering about, starving and absolutely sad. His brother, his friends had been killed! Thank God there's nothing that love and family can't heal...It _____ (take) him years to be himself again...But he got it!! These days, he _____ (be) a happily married man, with two beautiful sons. His wife is a teacher, too. He never came back to his beloved Buenos Aires but he _____ (keep) in touch with all his friends and deep in his heart, he wishes he could come back and live here forever. Because...as he _____ (say) :
"There's nothing more beautiful and loving than the way Argentinians hug, kiss and welcome people. And the food is the best!!!"