

Advanced - Tense Review

Complete the spaces with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (Use modal verbs if necessary)

At the restaurant

A. I ¹ _____ (really/enjoy) this steak. It's strange, because I ² _____ (not/usually/like) rump steak. ³ _____ (like) yours?

B. Sorry? Oh yes, the sauce ⁴ _____ (taste) lovely. Those vegetables ⁵ _____ (look) good, too. ⁶ _____ (you/mind) if I ⁷ _____ (try) some? My salad's a bit limp.

A. Not at all, help yourself. You ⁸ _____ (seem) a bit strange this evening. Sort of distant. ⁹ _____ (you/feel) alright?

B. I ¹⁰ _____ (think) about things at work. My boss ¹¹ _____ (say) that he ¹² _____ (want) to ¹³ _____ (reallocate) some human resources. It ¹⁴ _____ (sound) ominous to me.

A. Yes, I ¹⁵ _____ (see) what you ¹⁶ _____ (mean).
¹⁷ _____ (the company/employ) many people?

B: About a thousand. Things ¹⁸ _____ (go) pretty well in general. They ¹⁹ _____ (make) some cuts in the production team in the near future, though. ²⁰ _____ (you/think) you may have any jobs going at your place? I ²¹ _____ (feel) it's time for a change, anyway.

A. I'm not sure, Max. I ²² _____ (have) a word with my boss about you. I ²³ _____ (hear) they ²⁴ _____ (look) for someone in marketing. ²⁵ _____ (you/have) any experience in that field?

B. Well, before I ²⁶ _____ (go) to work at Maplins, I ²⁷ _____ (work) in the marketing department at Chigwells. I really ²⁸ _____ (enjoy) it actually.

A. How long ²⁹ _____ (you/work) there?

B. Let me see. I ³⁰ _____ (work) at Maplins for 2 years now, and I ³¹ _____ (go) to Chigwells straight after University, so I suppose I ³² _____ (be) there for nearly a year.

A. I ³³ _____ (see). And what exactly ³⁴ _____ (you/study) at Uni? I'm afraid I ³⁵ _____ (forget).

B. I ³⁶ _____ (do) economics and marketing.

A. Well, that ³⁷ _____ (seem) relevant. O.K, I ³⁸ _____ (speak) to my boss on Monday and I ³⁹ _____ (let) you know what he ⁴⁰ _____ (say). So, what ⁴¹ _____ (we/do) after dinner? How about nipping to the Rose and Crown for a pint?

B. Yes, that ⁴² _____ (be) nice. I ⁴³ _____ (not/go) there for ages. Do you know who else ⁴⁴ _____ (be) there?

A. Oh, the usual crowd. Except for Steve and Veronica. They ⁴⁵ _____ (leave) for Australia tomorrow. They _____ (go) for a year.

B. A year! That's a holiday and a half. Where ⁴⁶ _____ (they go)?

A. Actually they ⁴⁷ _____ (work). They ⁴⁸ _____ (write) off to an ad. in the Times for English teachers and they ⁴⁹ _____ (have) their interviews last month. They ⁵⁰ _____ (teach) mostly Chinese and Indonesian children to speak English.

B. Imagine that! They ⁵¹ _____ (all/speak) English with a Yorkshire accent!

A. Ecky thump, tha's not wrong there, lad!

B. Seriously, though, they ⁵² _____ (just/drop) everything they ⁵³ _____ (have) here, ⁵⁴ _____ they? They ⁵⁵ _____ (not/even/have) any special qualifications to teach English, ⁵⁶ _____ they?

A. I ⁵⁷ _____ (understand) they ⁵⁸ _____ (take) a course for two months on arrival, then when they ⁵⁹ _____ (finish) that, they ⁶⁰ _____ (start) teaching.

B. Well, it's alright for some, isn't it? Still, I ⁶¹ _____ (not/can) live abroad myself. I ⁶² _____ (miss) the social life here. Speaking of which, let's get the bill and get going, ⁶³ _____ we? Otherwise, the pub ⁶⁴ _____ (close) by the time we get there. ⁶⁵ _____ (you/enjoy) your meal? ⁶⁶ _____ (we/leave) a tip?

A. I ⁶⁷ _____ (suppose) we ⁶⁸ _____, really. Oh, that reminds me.

⁶⁹ _____ (I/tell) you about that old fellow in New York I ⁷⁰ _____ (read) about in today's Express who ⁷¹ _____ (go) for a coffee and ⁷² _____ (leave) a 10 000 \$ tip for a waitress he ⁷³ _____ (never/even/see) before?

B. 10 000 \$? Wow! That ⁷⁴ _____ (must/be) the best day's work she ⁷⁵ _____ (ever/do) by a long way. How come he ⁷⁶ _____ (give) her so much money, anyway?

A. Hang on, I ⁷⁷ _____ (still/have) the paper here somewhere. Here it is. It ⁷⁸ _____ (say) he ⁷⁹ _____ (be) a multi-millionaire businessman, but he ⁸⁰ _____ (start) his working life as a waiter. Apparently, before he ⁸¹ _____ (go) to the coffee shop, he ⁸² _____ (just/discover) that he ⁸³ _____ (only/have) a few months to live. Oh, and he ⁸⁴ _____ (plan) to spend the next few days handing out money to waiters in different cafés and restaurants.

B. Good lord, what an eccentric thing to do. It ⁸⁵ _____ (take) all sorts to make a World, ⁸⁶ _____ it? ⁸⁷ _____ (you/want) to get our coats while I ⁸⁸ _____ (call) a taxi?

A. There's no need. I've got my car down the road. I ⁸⁹ _____ (give) you a lift.

B. Oh, cheers. So that's why you ⁹⁰ _____ (not/drink) all evening.

⁹¹ _____ (you/have) a drink at the pub, though?

In the street

A. Yes, I ⁹² _____ (leave) my car there and pick it up in the morning. Knowing my luck, if I ⁹³ _____ (drive) home the police ⁹⁴ _____ (almost certainly/stop) me. Oh no, look at that sky. It ⁹⁵ _____ (rain), ⁹⁶ _____ it?

B. It ⁹⁷ _____ (look) like it. Mind you, it ⁹⁸ _____ (be) good for the garden. We ⁹⁹ _____ (not/have) rain for weeks.

A. That's true. Oh no, look at this. I ¹⁰⁰ _____ (give) another parking ticket!