

## Tenses

### 1. Complete the sentences below with the appropriate present or past tense.

1. Last week I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new work table and a new office chair. They said they would deliver them to my office on Monday afternoon. But they \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) on Friday to find out my address, and they \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) today. I will have to call them when I get back to my office.

2. Last week I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Tartu to visit my parents. While I was there, I also \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend and we \_\_\_\_\_ (play) a game of squash. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) back to Tallinn in the evening, and as I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) through Paide, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a ghost. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an old lady dressed in bright white clothing that seemed to glow. She \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) by the side of the road as I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) past.

3. Normally, I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) sandwiches for breakfast, but this morning I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) porridge. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) a new brand of oats and the porridge from these oats \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so good that I decided I would \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) porridge more often for breakfast. In fact this porridge \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so good that I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) some for my lunch right now!

4. Last month, I read a book about a man who \_\_\_\_\_ (sail) his boat around the Baltic Sea. He \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) his home in England with some friends and \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Denmark and then through canals to the Baltic. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the book, and so now I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a new book to read. Can you recommend something?

5. Last weekend, I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a café and \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a newspaper, when an old friend \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so good to see her — we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a coffee and \_\_\_\_\_ (share) a piece of chocolate cake just like we used to in the old days. We \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about what we \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at the moment and about our families. She told me that she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) one little boy called William. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) especially happy because the previous night William \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) through the night for the first time.

## 2. Use the correct tense.

John 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (always travel) a lot. In fact, he 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only two years old when he first 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to the US. His mother 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Italian and his father 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) American. John 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in France, but his parents 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) in Cologne, Germany after they 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (live) there for five years. They 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) one day while John's father 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book in the library and his mother 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (sit down) beside him. Anyway, John 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) a lot because his parents also 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) a lot.

As a matter of fact, John 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) his parents in France at the moment. He 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in New York now and really 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) living there, but he 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to visit his parents at least once a year.

This year he 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) over 50,000 miles for his job. He 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for Jackson & Co. for almost two years now. He 21. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) pretty sure that he 22. \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for them next year as well. His job 23. \_\_\_\_\_ (require) a lot of travelling. In fact, by the end of this year, he 24. \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) over 120,000 miles! His next journey 25. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Australia, he 26. \_\_\_\_\_ (book) the tickets and accommodation already. He really 27. \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) going to Australia because it is so far. This time he 28. \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) from Paris after a meeting with the company's French partner. He 29. \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) for over 18 hours by the time he 30. \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)!

John 31. \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) with his parents earlier this evening when his girlfriend from New York 32. \_\_\_\_\_ (call) to let him know that Jackson & Co. 33. \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to merge with a company in Australia. The two companies 34. \_\_\_\_\_ (negotiate) for the past month, so it really 35. \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) much of a surprise. Of course, this 36. \_\_\_\_\_ (mean) that John 37. \_\_\_\_\_ (have to catch) the next plane back to New York. He 38. \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his boss at this time tomorrow.