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## GRAMMAR

## Mixed tenses

I can use a variety of tenses.

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. There are two extra verbs.

didn't have haven't had left 'm going to go  
'm seeing plays 's playing were living

- 1 My parents were living in London when I was born.
- 2 I see Tom tomorrow evening, so I can ask him about the project then.
- 3 We haven't had our exam results yet. I hope I've done well!
- 4 Jack's upstairs at the moment - I think he is playing computer games.
- 5 My brother left school last year and now he's looking for a job.
- 6 I am seeing online tonight, to find some information for my project.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. Use the Present Simple, Present Continuous or Present Perfect.

break change listen love study try

- 1 What are you studying in Biology at the moment?
- 2 A lot of things have changed at our school in the last two years - it's very different now!
- 3 Dan never listens to the teacher, so he doesn't know what homework to do.
- 4 Be quiet - I am trying to revise!
- 5 Amy isn't at school today because she has broken her leg.
- 6 I love Maths - it's my favourite subject!

3 Read some students' excuses for not doing their homework. Complete them with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

I <sup>1</sup>fell (fall) asleep while I <sup>2</sup>was watching (watch) TV. While I <sup>3</sup>was sleeping, my dog <sup>4</sup>took (take) my homework outside and <sup>5</sup>buried (bury) it in the garden.

I <sup>6</sup>spilled (spill) water on my school bag while I <sup>7</sup>was helping (help) my mum in the kitchen. Unfortunately, all my books <sup>8</sup>got (get) wet!

The school bus <sup>9</sup>arrived (arrive) early this morning, while I <sup>10</sup>was having (have) breakfast. I <sup>11</sup>left (leave) the house quickly and I <sup>12</sup>forgot (forget) my homework. Sorry!

4 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I'm sure you will get / are getting good marks in your exams next week.
- 2 How many people are you going to / do you invite to the party next month?
- 3 Hurry up - the train leaves / will leave in five minutes!
- 4 Do you want to come to the cinema with us this evening? We will meet / are meeting outside the cinema at 6.30.
- 5 I think that in the future students are studying / will study at home more.
- 6 What are you going to do / do you do to celebrate the end of exams next week?

5 Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

### The world's biggest school

The City of Montessori School in Lucknow, India, holds (hold) the world record for the world's largest school, with over 50,000 students! The school first opened (open) in 1959, with only five students. Dr Jagdish Gandhi, the founder of the school, says it was difficult to get students at first. He and his wife <sup>3</sup>worked (work) very hard in the first few years while they <sup>4</sup>tried (try) to achieve their dream of a good school for their city. The school <sup>5</sup>grew (grow) a lot since those early days. It now <sup>6</sup>employs (employ) 3,800 teachers, and lessons <sup>7</sup>take (take) place) at twenty different sites across the city. And it <sup>8</sup>still grows (still / grow)! The next school year <sup>9</sup>starts (start) in June, and who knows how many students there <sup>10</sup>will be (be) by that time!

