

PRESENT PERFECT

PAST SIMPLE



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1 It was late at night but the light was on in Ted's room. When I _____ (COME) in, he didn't even turn to me.

2 "Why do you need a job?" I asked. "You _____ (EMPLOY) by Mr. Green only a week ago as far as I remember."

3 "Yes, I was. I got a job of a waiter in his restaurant. But I _____ (LOSE) that job already. They said I was rude to a client."

4 Each time they tried a dish, they _____ (NOT LIKE) it.

5 "Sure," Hugo entered the room and stopped in surprise. "Are you saying you made all this yourself?" "No," Kate looked pleased with his reaction. "My cousin helped me. She _____ (LEAVE) for the shop. She'll be back any minute."

6 We had to go down to the lower level of our double-decker and we _____ (NOT MANAGE) to enjoy the wonderful sights.

7 I didn't know what to say. Many years _____ (PASS) since that night. Now I am a designer – I create clothes and accessories. My sister likes my work very much.

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8 The doorbell _____ (RING) and her classmate, Brian, appeared. He had a plastic bag in his hand.

9 "A magic lamp. And I didn't buy it. It _____ (FIND) in the attic of an old country house a year ago.

10 We _____ (BE) tired and disappointed with the trip.

11 The librarian was surprised to see such a small child. "Are you here for the first time? Would you like me to find a nice book with lots of pictures for you?" she asked. "No, thank you, I _____ (FIND) what I need," answered Matilda showing a thick book of fairy tales.

12 At the moment Mike works for the National Geographic. Recently he _____ (COMPLETE) several projects for the magazine. His job involves lots of travelling, which is sometimes not very safe.

13 "Oh, no! I _____ (LEAVE) all my pens at home." She turned to Jenny: "Have you got a spare pen?" "If I don't find a proper pen, I _____ (WRITE) in green ink. I hope it won't affect my grades."

14 "You _____ (MAKE) new friends there, right?" These words made Kim feel nervous. "No, not yet." she answered.

GRAMMAR

ISSUES 1



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1 I looked at his monitor and realized that he _____ (SURF) the Internet for job vacancies.

2 Kate _____ (MAKE) sandwiches in the kitchen when Hugo came in.

3 "Come in! You _____ (HELP) me in the kitchen, won't you?"

4 On the table there was a huge pie. It _____ (DECORATE) with different fruit and looked fantastic.

5 The front door opened and a girl entered. Hugo understood that he _____ (SEE) her many times in different TV programmes for teenagers. "A TV star?" Hugo sounded so silly that both girls burst out laughing.

6 An opportunity to spend two weeks in London sounded fantastic. Our teacher told us that we _____ (LIVE) in a student hostel.

7 Unfortunately, when we _____ (PASS) Westminster Abbey, it started to rain hard.

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8 "Your dancing _____ (IMPROVE) every day," the teacher said one day.

9 Amazingly, many of the houses _____ (BUILD) centuries ago!

10 Alison took her jewellery box from the table. The box _____ (MAKE) of wood and had colourful stones on the top.

11 "If the box were mine, I _____ (ALLOW) you to touch it whenever you wanted," I answered. Alison said nothing to that.

12 My friend found it when they _____ (REPAIR) the house.

13 He says if you light the lamp and make a wish, the wish _____ (COME) true. It works particularly well with reasonable wishes that are not too big for the lamp. Its magic is not very strong.

14 Annie lit it and said: "I wish the whole class _____ (COME) to my party today".

GRAMMAR

ISSUES 2



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15 The idea came to him while he _____ (READ) an article about camping. The article said that camping brings families together.

16 At last, the girls said that they _____ (COME) to Scotland one day to see it with their own eyes and to separate the truth from the myths.

17 Anna had already chosen the model she wanted. Her dad said that he _____ (GIVE) her the camera in a couple of years.

18 When we went up to the enclosure that had a family of Indian elephants, they _____ (HAVE) their lunch.

19 "If I _____ (HAVE) it now, I would be able to take part in the Professional Photograph Competition.

20 Everyone says "I've got talent," she said to herself, looking at the magazine where an article about the competition _____ (PUBLISH).

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21 "Hello, can I help you?" the woman's voice sounded encouraging and Anna _____ (THINK) that she probably had a chance.

22 Then she added, "I _____ (COME) for a new book as soon as I finish this one".

23 The librarian was really shocked when she saw Matilda only two days later. "I wish all children _____ (LIKE) reading so much," the librarian said. From that day on Matilda went to the library every afternoon.

24 His expedition started in 2001. It _____ (ORGANIZE) to draw attention to the African forests. During his expedition Mike Fay made several films about the beauty of the forests.

25 He said they _____ (BE) the most wonderful natural sights he ever _____ (SEE).

26 But danger could never stop Mike. "I wish everyone _____ (UNDERSTAND) that life is a very delicate thing.

GRAMMAR

ISSUES 3



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27 If we go on in the same irresponsible way, we _____ (KILL) all life on the planet, and ourselves too”.

28 The test was really long. The tasks _____ (PRINT) on both sides of the page.

29 At school I noticed that something was different. I came up to my friend Laura and asked her: “What’s going on? Why _____ (BE) everyone so excited?”

30 However, she was wrong. Our substitute teacher, a student two grades above, was very serious. He said that he _____ (EXPLAIN) some French poetry to us.

31 “I’m the Chairman of the society,” he added, “If you come, we _____ (HAVE) a special welcome party for new members.”

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32 “I wish we _____ (HAVE) a class for girls only,” Tina thought.

33 The Junior Dance Competition _____ (HOLD) in their town every year. It was a spectacular show.

34 At school I noticed that something was different. I came up to my friend Laura and asked her: “What’s going on? Why is everyone so excited?” “Don’t you know?” she said. “All the teachers _____ (LEAVE) for a conference. Only the headteacher and a few of the school staff are here.

35 “Fine, you _____ (WAKE) up at last!” said Granny, “But why are you still undressed? Go and wash and get dressed immediately!”

36 “Ok-ok, just a second,” laughed Jeff picking up another doughnut and retreating through the other door. “I _____ (COME) as soon as I am ready.”

37 At dinner, her father asked Susan if she _____ (WANT) to go with him. It was a bit unexpected but Susan liked the idea at once.

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ISSUES 4



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1 It was her sixteenth birthday in a few days. And Susan thought it _____ (BE) fun to celebrate it abroad.

2 In half an hour everything _____ (PACK) in a suitcase and Susan called her best friend to tell her the news.

3 "You should come to see our show," the guitarist kept saying to Dana. "I _____ (SEE) it one day," Dana promised each time, but she never said when exactly she _____ (COME).

4 "I wish I _____ (ENJOY) my work as much as you enjoy yours," her husband said, " but I'm going to have just another boring day at the office."

5 Tim liked going to the zoo. One day his mother said: "We're going to a different place today, Tim. It's an animal shelter. I'm sure you _____ (LIKE) it."

6 Lots of animals _____ (KEEP) in the zoo.

7 'If people _____ (BE) more responsible for their pets, we wouldn't have so much work here," the volunteer remarked.

8 On the way home Tim told his mother that he _____ (WANT) to go to the shelter again, not only to watch but also to help the volunteers.

9 "What's wrong, Jason?" "I _____ (LOSE) my key and I can't get into my house."

10 He put on a sweater, jacket, gloves, boots and a hat, and opened his front door. Everything _____ (COVER) with snow. A cold wind blew inside.

11 "Wow," Dr. James said. "The weatherman was right! I wish I _____ (HAVE) a reindeer instead of my old car."

12 When Dr. James _____ (DRIVE) slowly to work, he saw an accident.

GRAMMAR

ISSUES 5



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1 My skin problem is not a serious thing of course, but it doesn't allow me to do everything I want. I wish I _____ (CAN) sunbathe, windsurf and play beach volleyball with my friends. But all I can do is watch them from the shade.

2 According to our family legend, it _____ (RAIN) hard at the moment when I was born. Since that time, rainy days have always been my luckiest.

3 English, Welsh, Scottish...all these languages sound familiar. But I'm sure you _____ (NOT HEAR) of Cornish.

4 Speakers of Cornish stayed in the south-west. There the language _____ (SPEAK) until the late 1700s. But the number of speakers got smaller and the language almost disappeared.

5 Nowadays, if you visit Cornwall, you will hear a lot of it. The language _____ (OFFER) as an option in many universities, and students themselves choose to learn it.

6 I believe the Cornish language _____ (SURVIVE).

7 "When your classes _____ (BE) over, I'll pick you up, ok?"

8 When Tracey got to school and looked at the big building, she thought, "I wish I _____ (CAN) run away," but she knew it was impossible.

9 The best part was that Carlos, her husband, _____ (NOT KNOW) anything about the arrangements. It was going to be a surprise.

10 "You are right," her mum said. "I wish people _____ (CARE) about the environment more."

11 Some children ran over to see what was going on. They decided to help Jane. Soon all the rubbish was in the bags. "Good job," Jane said, "We _____ (CLEAN) half of the park."

12 If we come and complete the other part tomorrow, the whole park _____ (BE) clean and tidy.