

# The meaning of dreaming



## READING & LISTENING

a Do you often remember your dreams? Do you think dreams can tell us anything about the future?

b (3.16) Listen to a psychoanalyst talking to a patient about his dreams. Number the pictures 1–6 in the correct order.



c Listen again and complete the gaps with a verb in the right form.

Dr Allen So, tell me, what did you dream about?

Patient I was at a party. There were a lot of people.

Dr What were they <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

P They were drinking and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Dr Were you drinking?

P Yes, I was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ champagne.

Dr And then what happened?

P Then, suddenly I was in a garden. There <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of flowers...

Dr Flowers, yes... what kind of flowers?

P I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really see – it was dark. And I could hear music – somebody was <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the violin.

Dr The violin? Go on.

P And then I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an owl, a big owl in a tree...

Dr How did you <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_? Were you frightened of it?

P No, not frightened really, no, but I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I felt very cold. Especially my feet – they were freezing. And then I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Dr Your feet? Mmm, very interesting, very interesting indeed. Were you <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any shoes?

P No, no, I wasn't.

Dr Tell me. Have you ever <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this dream before?

P No, never. So what does it <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, Doctor?

d What do you think the patient's dream means? Match five of the things in his dream with interpretations 1–5.

## Understanding your dreams

### You dream...

- that you are at a party.
- that you are drinking champagne.
- about flowers.
- that somebody is playing the violin.
- about an owl.

### This means...

- 1 you are going to be very busy.
- 2 you're feeling positive about the future.
- 3 you want some romance in your life.
- 4 you need to ask an older person for help.
- 5 you'll be successful in the future.

e (3.17) Listen to Dr Allen interpreting the patient's dream. Check your answers to d.

f (3.18) Dr Allen is now going to explain what picture 6 means. What do you think the meaning could be? Listen and find out.

# review of tenses: present, past and future

## GRAMMAR review of verb forms

a Look at the sentences below. Which one is the present perfect? Mark it **PP**. Then look at the other sentences. What time do they refer to? Mark them **P** (the past), **PR** (the present) or **F** (the future).

- 1  I was drinking champagne.
- 2  Maybe you'll have a meeting with your boss.
- 3  I saw an owl.
- 4  You are feeling positive.
- 5  You're going to meet a lot of people.
- 6  You work in an office.
- 7  I'm meeting her tonight.
- 8  Have you ever had this dream before?

tense	example	use	(3 19))
present simple	I <b>live</b> in the city centre. She <b>doesn't smoke</b> .	things that happen always or usually	
present continuous	<b>He's looking</b> for a new job. <b>I'm leaving</b> tomorrow.	things that are happening now or in the near future things that we have arranged for the future	
past simple	We <b>saw</b> a good film last night. We <b>didn't do</b> anything yesterday.	finished actions in the past	
past continuous	<b>He was working</b> in Paris. What <b>were you doing</b> at 7.00?	actions that were in progress at a past time	
be going to + infinitive	<b>I'm going to see</b> Tom tonight. Look! It's <b>going to rain</b> .	future plans predictions when we know / can see what's going to happen	
will / won't + infinitive	You'll <b>love</b> New York. <b>I'll phone</b> her later. <b>I'll help</b> you. <b>I'll pay</b> you back tomorrow.	predictions instant decisions offers promises	
present perfect	I've <b>finished</b> the book. <b>Have you ever been</b> to Iran?	recently finished actions (we don't say when) past experiences	

a Complete the questions with one word.

Where **do** you usually have lunch?  
I didn't see you at work last week. **Were** you ill?  
1 **\_\_\_\_\_** you often remember your dreams?  
2 **\_\_\_\_\_** you listen to the match on the radio last night?  
3 Who do you think **\_\_\_\_\_** win the election next year?  
4 **\_\_\_\_\_** your brother like rock music?  
5 What **\_\_\_\_\_** you going to watch on TV tonight?  
6 **\_\_\_\_\_** it snowing when you left?  
7 Were you at the party last night? I **\_\_\_\_\_** see you.  
8 **\_\_\_\_\_** you been to the supermarket?  
9 **\_\_\_\_\_** the film finished yet?

b Put the verb in the right form.

A What **are** we **doing** tonight? (do)  
B We <sup>1</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** dinner with Jack and Mary. (have)  
A But we <sup>2</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** dinner with them last week! (have)  
B Yes, but they <sup>3</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** to tell us some good news. (want)  
A Oh, OK then. <sup>4</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** I **\_\_\_\_\_** some champagne? (buy)  
B It's 8 o'clock! Where <sup>5</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** you **\_\_\_\_\_**? (be)  
A I'm sorry. When I <sup>6</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** home I <sup>7</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** to buy the champagne. And then I <sup>8</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_**. Mark in the shop... (walk, stop, see)  
B Well, hurry up. We <sup>9</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** late! (be)  
A It's OK. I <sup>10</sup> **\_\_\_\_\_** a taxi and I'll be ready in five minutes. (already order)