

Test D: Tenses – past and perfect

A

Read the conversation. Then look at the answers below and write the correct answer in each space.

Tessa: Hello, Robert. I (▶) haven't seen you for ages.

Robert: Hello, Tessa. Great to see you. What have you (1) doing lately?

Tessa: (2) just started a new job in computer software.

Robert: You (3) working for Tuffex Plastics when we last met.

Tessa: That's right. I hadn't (4) working there long before I got fed up. I (5) realized what a horrible job it would be. But what about you? (6) you found a job?

Robert: Well, six months ago I (7) working for a car hire company, but then they (8) bankrupt. So I'm out of work now. (9) been looking around for another job.

Tessa: Well, I'm sure you'll find one soon.

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| ▶ a) didn't | b) hadn't | c) haven't | d) wasn't |
| 1 a) been | b) had | c) has | d) was |
| 2 a) I'd | b) I'll | c) I'm | d) I've |
| 3 a) did | b) had | c) have | d) were |
| 4 a) be | b) been | c) done | d) had |
| 5 a) didn't | b) hadn't | c) haven't | d) wasn't |
| 6 a) Did | b) Had | c) Have | d) Were |
| 7 a) been | b) had | c) have | d) was |
| 8 a) go | b) going | c) gone | d) went |
| 9 a) I'd | b) I'll | c) I'm | d) I've |

B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

▶ Susan had a green dress on. (wearing)

Susan was wearing a green dress.

1 The doctor began work at six o'clock and is still working. (has)

2 Rupert didn't have his credit card. (forgotten)

3 I didn't want to go without taking a photo. (until)

4 Nancy has been writing the report. It is finished now. (written)

5 My wait in the queue has lasted forty minutes so far. (I)

6 When we arrived, everyone was on the dance floor. (dancing)

7 The computer has been mine for four years. (had)

8 In the middle of our lunch there was a knock at the door. (when)

9 Nigel felt sick from eating too many cakes. (because)

C

Write the sentences correctly.

- I like this CD. I've been having it for ages.
I've had it for ages.
- 1 It was my first day back at work. I was on holiday.
 - 2 I'm quite tired now. I play badminton.
 - 3 I had to sit down. I'd been having a shock.
 - 4 You need a rest. How much have you been working?
 - 5 The robbery happened at midday. Lots of people walked along the street outside.
 - 6 My sister speaks good English. She is practising her English since last summer.
 - 7 At last I have my qualification. I've been passing my exam.
 - 8 Michelle looked really sunburnt. She'd lie in the sun for too long.
 - 9 We got to the coach stop at nine yesterday. But the coach has already gone.

D

Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

- A: Did you buy (you / buy) anything at the antiques sale yesterday?
B: No. I wanted... (I / want) to buy some jewellery, but I'd left... (I / leave) my credit card at home.
- 1 A: Are you still copying those addresses?
B: No, that's all of them. (I / finish) now.
 - 2 A: The train is never going to get here.
B: How long (we / wait) now?
A: At least half an hour. (we / be) here since ten to five.
 - 3 A: Did you have a nice chat with Tessa?
B: No, not really. When (we / drink) our coffee,
..... (she / hurry) off home.
 - 4 A: It's terrible about that plane crash, isn't it?
B: Yes, awful. (I / have) breakfast when
..... (I / hear) the news.
 - 5 A: So you sing in a rock band, do you? How long
(you / do) that?
B: Oh, since I was sixteen. (we / do) about a dozen
concerts.
 - 6 A: Do you know what Polly was so upset about yesterday?
B: No, I don't. But I'm sure (she / cry). Her eyes looked
red.
A: Perhaps (she / have) some bad news.
 - 7 A: The shooting was very frightening, I suppose.
B: It certainly was. When we (hear) the shot, we all
..... (throw) ourselves to the floor.