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

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

The school bus ⁹arrived (arrive) early this morning, while I ¹⁰was having (have) breakfast. I ¹¹left (leave) the house quickly and I ¹²forgot (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, ¹holds (hold) the world record for the world's largest school, with over 50,000 students! The school first ²opened (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 ³worked (work) very hard in the first few years while they ⁴tried (try) to achieve their dream of a good school for their city. The school ⁵has grown (grow) a lot since those early days. It now ⁶employs (employ) 3,800 teachers, and lessons ⁷take place (take place) at twenty different sites across the city. And it ⁸is still growing (still / grow)! The next school year ⁹starts (start) in June, and who knows how many students there ¹⁰will be (be) by that time!

