

GRAMMAR VERB TENSE REVIEW

1 Complete the article with the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Grandmother passes driving test on 950th attempt

Cha Sa-soon ¹ _____ (want) to drive for years and last week she ² _____ (move) a step closer to that dream: she ³ _____ (pass) the written exam for a driving licence on her 950th attempt.

'I ⁴ _____ (try) to pass this test for over four years,' said the sixty-eight-year-old grandmother. 'And now I ⁵ _____ (finally) do it. Over the past two years a lot of people ⁶ _____ (tell) me I'm crazy, but I don't mind. If you have a dream, you can't give up.' She ⁷ _____ (become) a bit of a legend at the testing centre. 'It ⁸ _____ (be) difficult to see her fail so many times,' said the centre director. 'And we ⁹ _____ (hope) that sooner or later she would get through. She'll be missed, that's for sure,' he ¹⁰ _____ (add). 'A day without Cha is like a day without our favourite granny.'

Mrs Sa-soon ¹¹ _____ (spend) over five million Korean won on fees so far; now she just needs to pass the practical test and after she ¹² _____ (pass) that she'll be given a licence.

2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I've never seen snow
- 2 I'd never seen snow
 - a) until I went to Austria.
 - b) in my life.
- 3 I couldn't find a job
- 4 I haven't been able to find a job
 - a) after university.
 - b) since university.
- 5 No one has seen her
- 6 She was last seen
 - a) a week ago.
 - b) in the past week.
- 7 I've been seeing a therapist
- 8 I've seen a therapist
 - a) three times now.
 - b) regularly.
- 9 Many students have been arriving late
- 10 Many students arrived late
 - a) recently.
 - b) the other day.
- 11 I thought I understood this
- 12 I've understood everything
 - a) so far.
 - b) before now.

VOCABULARY REVIEW

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words or phrases.

- 1 a people person/down-to-earth
 - a) Lena's a _____: she loves talking to everyone she meets.
 - b) Tessa will always tell you what she thinks, she's very _____.
- 2 awkward/embarrassed
 - a) The article is called 'Top health questions you are too _____ to ask.'
 - b) I was with my husband when we ran into his ex-wife. It was very _____.
- 3 relieved/impressed
 - a) Beth thought she'd lost her passport so she was incredibly _____ to find it.
 - b) The boss seemed _____ with my work on the report and he's giving me tomorrow off.
- 4 non-refundable/two-for-one
 - a) The _____ deal is only available on Monday evenings.
 - b) A _____ deposit is required when booking the holiday.
- 5 monitor/keep track of
 - a) When I'm working on a painting I never _____ the time. It drives my wife crazy.
 - b) We're going to try you on this new treatment and we'll _____ your progress carefully.
- 6 identify/deterrent
 - a) Are the fines working as a/an _____ to pollution?
 - b) Can full body scanners at airports _____ illegal products coming into the country?
- 7 illegal/unethical
 - a) Hunting elephants is _____ but hunting deer is allowed with a permit.
 - b) Buying an essay from the internet and saying you wrote it is totally _____.
- 8 disturbing/outrageous
 - a) It was absolutely _____ that the workers were told of their job losses by text message.
 - b) I found the programme about child beauty competitions slightly _____.
- 9 irresponsible/reasonable
 - a) I think it's _____ to refuse to pay for the food – no one could eat it.
 - b) Lending money to people who can't afford to pay it back is just _____.

4 A Look at the underlined sounds in each group. Circle the word with the different sound.

- 1 authority, nervous, awkward
- 2 identify, crime, relieved
- 3 outrageous, information, decrease
- 4 witty, permit, disappointing
- 5 non-refundable, urban, frustrated

B  R1.1 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.