

Grammar

Past perfect

1 Use the prompts to build sentences putting the verbs in the Past simple or Past perfect.

1 the door / not be / closed / because / somebody / leave / it / open

2 Geoffrey Chaucer / died / before / he / finish / his / masterpiece

3 when / Mr Chung / retire / he be / a teacher / for / 30 years

4 how long / you / have / your bicycle / when / you / sell / it?

5 I / not / see / Alice / because / she / leave / party / before / my arrival

6 we / bring / an umbrella / so / we / not / get wet

2 ERROR CORRECTION Read the story and decide if the underlined verb tenses are correct (✓) or incorrect (X). Write the correct tenses.

Two weeks ago, I (1) [X] had decided to have a short holiday in the mountains. I (2) [] never skied before so I (3) [] wanted to try. I (4) [] booked a hotel near the ski slopes which my friend (5) [] recommended and when the day (6) [] came I (7) [] had left with my family. When we (8) [] had got there, the hotel (9) [] was fully booked, so I (10) [] had been glad I (11) [] had made a reservation. After we (12) [] had brought our luggage into our room, we (13) [] had had a big lunch because we (14) [] hadn't had breakfast. In the afternoon I (15) [] had driven to the slopes. I (16) [] just got out of my car when I (17) [] slipped on an icy pool. That day we (18) [] got back home at 9 p.m. Since I (19) [] broke my leg, my wife (20) [] had to drive all the way back.

1 decided, _____

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- By the time the police _____ at the crime scene, the suspects had left.
A was B arrived C was arriving
- When I visited Japan for the second time, it was incredible to see how much things _____.
A had changed
B was changed
C had been changed
- Laura wasn't hungry at lunchtime because she _____ a big breakfast.
A 'd had B was having C has had
- The robbers got into the house easily, because Cara _____ the bedroom window open.
A had left B leaved C had
- I _____ to Bath last year. I _____ there before.
A had gone; never had been
B had been; never went
C went; had never been
- _____ Tom _____ his ticket before he went to the theatre?
A Has... bought B Did... buy C Had... bought

Adjectives and intensifiers

4 Complete the sentences with the correct option (A, B or C).

- He lived in a _____ old castle.
A so B fairly C totally
- This dress is _____ tiny! I can't wear it!
A very B rather C absolutely
- It was a _____ exhausting flight from Sydney to London.
A fairly B completely C quite
- I'm _____ tired so I'm going straight to bed.
A really B totally C absolutely
- The flat has a _____ amazing view over the mountains.
A totally B so C rather
- I don't think this is _____ surprising.
A totally B quite C very

5 Replace the underlined words with a suitable non gradable adjective from the box.

delicious • delighted • gorgeous • terrible
terrific • terrifying

- I'm offering you a very good opportunity. _____
- You look so pretty in that blue dress, Alma. _____
- His goulash is quite tasty. How did you make it? _____
- You made a very bad mistake here. _____
- I was really glad to meet them. _____
- The film was so frightening: I couldn't sleep all night! _____

Vocabulary

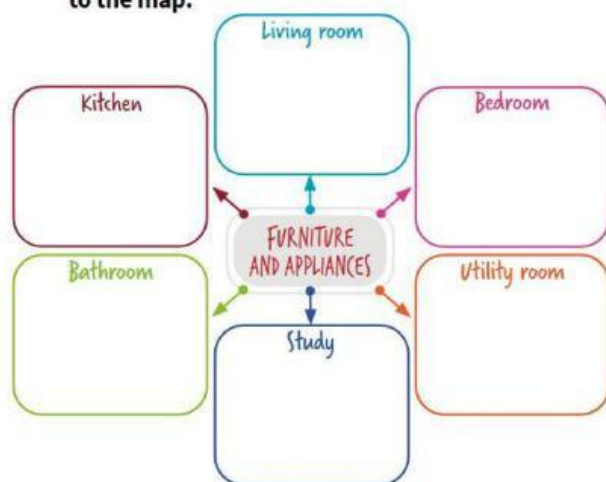
At home



1 Underline the correct alternative.

- I don't need to do the washing up because we've got a *washing machine* / *dishwasher*.
- I love relaxing on the *sofa* / *basin* at night.
- Is there anything in the *cooker* / *fridge*?
- Did you hang everything on the *clothes line* / *gate*?
- This is my dad's favourite *armchair* / *shower*.
- We've got a green *blanket* / *shed* at the bottom of the garden.

2 How many words can you remember? Add them to the map.



Adjectives

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box. There are three extra words you do not need to use.

serious • embarrassed • tired • disappointing
relaxing • lazy • worried • confused • frightening

- I really hate horror films. I find them so _____.
- I'm really _____ after that long run.
- My brother is so _____. He never makes his bed or does the washing up.
- Are you _____ about the test?
- I was so _____ when the teacher shouted at me.
- This film is _____. I thought it was more exciting than this.



Listening

Part 2

Exam tips

- Remember that the answer can be at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of the conversation.
- Listen to the whole conversation before choosing your answer.



1 12 EXAM For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- You will hear two friends talking about buying a tablet. The girl suggests the boy...
A buys the tablet online.
B goes to a local shop.
C buys it at the weekend.
- You will hear two girls talking about music lessons. What do they agree about?
A The lessons are easy.
B The teacher is nice.
C They can both have lessons.
- You will hear two friends talking about a party. The boy didn't enjoy...
A the music.
B sitting in the garden.
C the food.
- You will hear a boy talking about helping at home. How does he feel about it?
A quite excited
B angry he agreed to do it
C annoyed his sister can't help
- You will hear a mother and daughter talking about her school uniform. They decide to...
A throw everything away.
B wear something again.
C buy something on Internet.
- You will hear two friends talking about where they would like to live. What do they agree on?
A It should have a big garden.
B It should be near public transport.
C It should have two bathrooms.

Writing

Part 2



1 Read the beginning of a famous story by Edgar Allan Poe and complete it with the correct options (A, B, or C).

(A) *During* / After a dull, cloudy autumn day at sunset I (1) _____ my horse alone through a very (2) _____ area when I got to the House of Usher. I felt very strange as soon as I (3) _____ it, (B) *then* / although I didn't know why.
(C) *Despite* / Before my feelings, I decided to stay there for (4) _____ weeks. Its owner, Roderick Usher, had been one of my best friends but we (5) _____ each other for many years. (D) *However* / And, I had recently received a very bad letter where he said he was very ill and (6) _____ me to visit him. He hoped that spending time with his best friend (7) _____ make him feel better. Even (E) *while* / *though*, as boys, we (8) _____ very close, I really knew little of my friend. He was very shy like all the other people from his very old family. (F) *Before* / *Until* knocking on the door, I looked carefully at the house (9) _____. I wanted to understand what (10) _____ me so much. It looked as if it was going to fall apart. (11) _____ I got in I saw Roderick standing in the very large hall: he (12) _____ very sad, just like the windows, the walls and the ceiling around him.



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| 1 A had ridden | B rode | C was riding |
| 2 A terrifying | B terrified | C terrific |
| 3 A had seen | B saw | C was seeing |
| 4 A a lot | B a few | C a little |
| 5 A haven't seen | B hadn't seen | C didn't see |
| 6 A had asked | B was asking | C asked |
| 7 A can | B may | C could |
| 8 A were | B had been | C have been |
| 9 A again | B yet | C still |
| 10 A was scared | B scared | C had scared |
| 11 A While | B When | C Until |
| 12 A looked | B were looking | C had looked |

Exam tip

Linking words are used to improve the organisation of your text. Use them to make your story easier to read and understand.

2 Now underline the correct linking words in italics (A-F) in the text.

3 Look at the four underlined phrases in the story above. Can you think of 4 non gradable adjectives to replace them?

4 **EXAM** Now write your story using the tips above, with the following beginning.

On a stormy night of November, I was reading a book in the living room when I heard someone knocking on the door.

Exam tip

When you write a story, you can keep the reader's attention high, by using non gradable adjectives which make descriptions more lively and clear.

Summative practice



1 13 Read what Robbie writes about his childhood and underline the correct option. Then listen and check.



My childhood (1) *was* / *had been* challenging but interesting. By the time I (2) *had been* / *was* ten years old, I (3) *changed* / *had changed* schools five times as my father (4) *was* / *had been* in the army and we (5) *moved* / *had moved* around the country every few years. My mother (6) *wasn't* / *hadn't been* very happy about this because she (7) *grew up* / *had grown up* in a very stable environment in the countryside. She used to live in a country house with a huge garden near a lake, she was never (8) *boring* / *bored*, on the contrary she had a very (9) *exciting* / *excited* childhood. That's why she (10) *felt* / *had felt* that we (11) *missed* / *had missed* out on the same fun and games she (12) *experienced* / *had experienced* as a child.



2 Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

I've got to tell you about my bedroom. Mum and Dad (1) _____ decorated it and it's so cool! It (2) _____ on their to-do list (3) _____ ages so I thought it'd never actually happen. Then one day last month Dad said that he'd (4) _____ some great things for my bedroom at the DIY shop. I was so (5) _____! We spent a whole weekend trying out paint samples for my walls and in the end, we decided on green. I was a bit (6) _____ it'd be too bright but it's just perfect.

1 A had just

B had

C just

D have just

2 A is

B had been

C had

D were

3 A since

B on

C for

D in

4 A finding

B found

C finds

D founded

5 A interested

B disappointed

C excited

D miserable

6 A worried

B nervous

C worrying

D embarrassing

Speaking

Part 3

1 Have you ever had a pet? How did you feel when you were together? Where did you keep it?

2 The Kamal family is thinking of getting a pet for the kids to spend time with. Talk for about two minutes and say which pet would be the best for them. Try to include all aspects relevant to welcoming a pet in a family home.



Useful Expressions

- Making and responding to suggestions

I would suggest...

The most obvious option for me is...

This option is interesting because...

- Describing options

I would choose... because...

If they live in a small flat...

If the kids are little...

If they travel a lot...