

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.

Last year, I finally ¹achieved / had achieved my goal of buying a house by the sea. ²I'd always dreamt / I was always dreaming of living in a small house near the beach, but until last year, I ³was having / had to live near my office in the city centre. I didn't like living in the city and I ⁴was getting / had got really stressed at work, so I decided to look for a new job somewhere else.

Last March I succeeded in getting a job in Almeria and moved there. I ⁵was hearing / had heard that it was a good place to live, but no one ⁶had told / had been telling me how beautiful the city was. One day last summer, while I ⁷was walking / had walked along the beach, I saw a house for sale. It ⁸was / had been exactly the house I had always imagined myself living in. I bought it that day and moved in a month later. I've been living there for six months now, and I've never been happier!

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be earn eat live meet pick up
play stay study swim

- Elsa always dreamt about _____ in an apartment in Paris, and now she does!
- Ahmed never cared about _____ a lot of money.
- After school, Clare went on _____ medicine at university.
- I gave up _____ meat twenty years ago.
- We're really looking forward to _____ you.
- Don't forget _____ some milk later!
- I'll never forget _____ in the Pacific Ocean for the first time.
- Wei went on _____ tennis even after he hurt his knee.
- Do you remember _____ at Tom's house in Spain a few years ago?
- I thought it was going to rain but it turned out _____ a beautiful day!

3 Complete the sentences using the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets. If both are possible, use the present perfect continuous.

- I _____ (know) Aline all my life.
- Piotr and Sam _____ (live) together since they were at university.
- I'm exhausted. I _____ (clean) the house all day without a break.
- Lisa _____ always _____ (like) trying new sports.
- Where have you been? I _____ (try) to call you all morning!
- We _____ (study) Spanish for five years.

4 The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- That's the building **which** I got married.
a when b where c that
- The film **what** I watched last night was great!
a which b who c when
- Timo's the friend **that** apartment I stayed in last year.
a who b where c whose
- Yoga is good for people **which** want to relax more.
a whose b that c where

7 Complete the conversation using words from the box.

belonged cool damage glass
inherited special steel worth

- A: I love your ring. Is it new?
B: No, it's old. It ¹_____ to my grandmother and I ²_____ it when she died last year.
A: It's pretty. Are the stones diamonds?
B: No, they're just ³_____. It isn't ⁴_____ very much, but it's ⁵_____ to me because my grandmother wore it every day.

8 Complete the words. The first letter is given.

- My d _____ job would be an architect.
- Javier isn't a f _____ of visiting museums.
- Harry gets p _____ from helping other people.
- My sister and I like the same type of music, but we have very different t _____ in films.
- I really a _____ all the help you give me.
- Li doesn't need many things, but he can't d _____ w _____ his coffee machine!
- Living in the countryside isn't f _____ m _____. I love big cities!
- Hana's new flat is i _____ for her. It's the perfect size and close to her office.

9 Complete the post with the phrasal verbs in the box.

give up hang up lock up put off
stick to take out tidy up turn up

Help!

I've just moved into a flat with three other students. They're really friendly and fun, but they're all so lazy. They never help me ¹_____ the living kitchen. I always do everything. I ²_____ the bins, and I even ³_____ their coats next to the door. I wrote a list of tasks for everyone to do, but the others didn't do theirs – they said they were busy and ⁴_____ doing them because they knew that I'd just do them.

Sandra is the worst flatmate. She likes to ⁵_____ the heating in her room when it isn't even cold. Often, she forgets to ⁶_____ when she's the last one to leave the house.

Last week I decided I was going to ⁷_____ doing all the housework and let them tidy their own mess, but I couldn't ⁸_____ it – it was so messy after two days that I had to clean. I can't stand it anymore, what should I do?

10 Replace the words in bold with the words in the box.

achieve comfortable comments
effort fault goals ignore mood

- Chun always apologises even when it isn't his **guilty**.
- Jack was in a really bad **upset** yesterday.
- I hate it when people make negative **arguments** on my social media posts.
- Jayden doesn't feel **favour** talking to people he doesn't know.
- I worked all day, but I didn't **resist** very much.
- It's a good idea to set yourself **dreams** at the start of every week.
- Rob says he's going to make an **effect** to do more exercise.
- Cho's always telling me what I should do, but I just **argue** her.