Grammar

Review of past and present tenses

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple, past simple, present perfect or past perfect.



More than just a shoe!



Hannah Davis [1]_____ (found) Bangs Shoes after teaching English in China. While she was there, she [2]_____ (buy) a pair of simple, practical green canvas shoes which she [3]_____ (see) a lot of people wearing. When her teaching contract ended, she [4]_____ (not have) another job so she [5]_____ (develop) a business plan and a design for simple canvas shoes. By chance, one evening she met a businessman and they started talking. He showed interest in her business plan, so she sent it to him and he invested the money for Bangs. She finally [6]_____ (set up) Bangs in 2012. However, things did not always go smoothly and Hannah had to overcome a lot of obstacles along the way, including finding a manufacturer. A small family-owned factory in Vietnam now produces Bangs shoes. Since then, Hannah [7]_____ (work) hard to help other people, giving 20% of her profits to people wanting to start a business. With her help, those people [8]_____ (be able to) build their businesses and repay their loans. Bangs then [9]_____ (invest) the money again with another new business. And in case you're wondering, the name of the company [10]_____ (come) from the Mandarin Chinese character for help. Bangs are more than just shoes – they are helping people, one pair at a time.

2 Choose the correct answers.

1 Hannah **has had / has been having** her own business since 2012.
2 She came up with the idea to start Bangs while she **taught / was teaching** English in China.
3 A small family-owned factory in Vietnam **helps / helped** her produce the shoes.
4 Factory workers **receive / are receiving** fair wages.
5 Through her microloans, Hannah regularly **offers / is offering** help to empower people in poverty.
6 So far, Hannah **has helped / has been helping** 5,000 entrepreneurs in 74 different countries.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets.

1 There is no decision yet about our microloan.
They _____. (still)
2 You're over an hour late!
We _____. (waiting)
3 Arlo started working for the charity last year.
Arlo _____. (been)
4 I've never bought a pair of Bangs shoes before.
It's _____. (first)
5 She didn't start her presentation until everyone stopped talking.
She waited until _____. (before)
6 It was the first time they had worked abroad.
They _____. (never)

4 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.



Between April 2017 and April 2018, stabbings in London [1]_____ (increase) by 12%. This [2]_____ (inspire) the international artist, Kay Rufai, to look into the lack of mental health provision for young black men. While he [3]_____ (do) the research, Kay [4]_____ (discover) that smiling is a key factor in happiness. In 2018, he [5]_____ (set up) a project called S.M.I.L.E-ing* Boys and he [6]_____ (organize) art workshops for black and BAME* boys in London.

Kay [7]_____ (use) creativity through photography, poetry and art, to empower the boys to manage their own mental health. Ultimately, he [8]_____ (want) to reduce violence. A lot of the boys [9]_____ (see) or experienced violence themselves. After the boys [10]_____ (start) the workshops, their teachers soon [11]_____ (notice) that they were more engaged in school. The boys' schoolwork [12]_____ (gradually / improve) and they were happier. This project [13]_____ (take) a different approach to mental health and well-being by challenging negative stereotypes. The boys at those first workshops certainly feel that Kay [14]_____ (already / do) that for them!



Glossary
* S.M.I.L.E = Send Me Inspiring Loving Energy
* BAME = Black, Asian and minority ethnic

5 TASK Imagine you are going to set up a project to empower other people. Answer the questions.

1 Who do you want to help? Why?
2 What would your business idea or project be?
3 How would it empower other people?

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