

Grammar summary | UNIT 7

1 Choose the best verb form to complete the sentences.

- 1 Sam had *been trying* / *tried* to phone you about six times before he finally got through.
- 2 I dropped my keys somewhere while I was *walking* / *walked* to work.
- 3 I'm *writing* / I *write* my final history essay right now, to hand in tomorrow.
- 4 Do you think you 'll *be living* / *live* in Barcelona a year from now?
- 5 You're *missing* / You've *missed* the bus twice this week, so leave a few minutes early today.
- 6 He's *always playing* / He *always plays* on his computer when he should be studying.
- 7 Fred *is always listening* / *always listens* to audio books while he drives to work.
- 8 I finally *was finishing* / *finished* reading War and Peace.
- 9 We haven't *tried* / *been trying* to go to the new cinema yet. Shall we go tonight?
- 10 I *wasn't thinking* / *didn't think* George's joke was funny.

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 1 Can I call you back in fifteen minutes? I'm having a meeting | |
| 2 I was just shutting down my computer | |
| 3 She's been working on her proposal | |
| 4 We had been working for about twelve hours | |
| 5 They'll be staying here in Singapore | |
| a for about six weeks, and it's nearly finished. | |
| b when my boss asked me to do some more work. | |
| c until the project is complete. | |
| d at the moment. | |
| e by the time Joe finally arrived. | |

3 Choose the best answer to each question.

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| 1 Are you still thinking about hiring an assistant?
a Yes, I definitely am.
b Yes, I do.
c Yes, I'm thinking. | 5 I heard you're teaching in Spain now.
a Yes, you're right. I'm going there next month.
b Yes, that's right. I started the job last month.
c Yes, that's correct. I've been there for nearly twenty years. |
| 2 What will they be doing right now?
a They will have flown back.
b They were flying back home.
c I guess they'll be on the plane. | 6 And that's only the beginning!
a Sorry, are you saying? The band is too loud!
b Sorry, what will you be saying? It's the music!
c Sorry, what were you saying? I didn't quite hear. |
| 3 Had he been working all night when he finally left the office?
a Yes, he had. He was looking pretty exhausted.
b Yes, he was. But he said he'd finished.
c Yes, he did. And it wasn't the first time. | |
| 4 George was telling us about your new house.
a He said that? What happened then?
b Oh, really? Yes, we were lucky to find it.
c I know he is. I think he really likes it! | |