

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.

3 Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 Are you still thinking about hiring an assistant?
 - a Yes, I definitely am.
 - b Yes, I do.
 - c Yes, I'm thinking.
- 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.
- 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!

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 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.

- 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.
- 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.