

PART 2: THE PAST TENSES

Task 3: Preterit or past be + -ing

- "What _____ (you do) when I phoned you?" "I _____ (sleep) sound".
- "_____ (you appreciate) your last holiday?" "Yes, thank you. We _____ (have) a great time".
- She _____ (say) goodbye, and then she _____ (leave) the house immediately.
- It was really cold at midnight. It _____ (be) dark and it _____ (snow).
- When she _____ (arrive), I _____ (cook) dinner.
- 'Why _____ (you leave) the party so early last Saturday?'. 'When I _____ (arrive) at the party, my boyfriend _____ (dance) with another girl. I _____ (slap) him and _____ (cry) for hours. It was a total letdown!'
- Alex _____ (not call) Eva last night.
- I _____ (chat) to Maria online when you _____ (call) me.
- Samir and Lucy _____ (meet) at a disco in 2020, just before the lockdown but her parents _____ (not like) him and _____ (ask) her to let him down.

Task 4: Preterit or present perfect

- Where _____ (you be) all day?
- "Look at Sara! _____ (she buy) a new dress?" "Yes, she _____ (get) it in the sales yesterday"
- "_____ (you do) your homework after school yesterday?" "I _____ (do) some of it and then I _____ (finish) it this morning"
- "_____ (Hassan visit) his mum recently?" "Yes, he _____ (see) her last week".
- "_____ (you see) the latest White Stripes video yet?" "No, but I _____ (hear) their new single on the radio yesterday"

Task 5: Preterit or present perfect

In 1983 Tom (start) _____ to work as a doctor in Bristol Hospital, but in the following year he (have) _____ a serious car accident and finally (have to) _____ give up working as a doctor in 1985. Although he (move) _____ to London for two years, he (live) _____ in Leeds since 1988. When he (go) _____ to London in 1986 he (start) _____ writing and (write) _____ books and articles ever since then. His first novel was published in 1989. Since then he (travel) _____ in South America, and recently his second novel (win) _____ the booker price.