

Past Simple vs Present Perfect.

(0) Lucy came (come) to New Zealand 3 years ago, and since then she has written 2 new novels.

(1) Ted _____ (catch) Bernice just as she was leaving for work. He _____ (stick) candles in the cake, _____ (burst) through the door and yelled: "Surprise!"

(2) Boris _____ (never/understand) the present perfect. Lea _____ (try) harder to understand it. She _____ (even/learn) signal words for the present perfect. But after Boris does this test, he will understand it.

(3) The town's population _____ (shrink) significantly since last year.

(4) Although the jellyfish _____ (shine) like a diamond, the swimmer didn't see it and it _____ (sting) him.

(5) Hurry up! I can't wait to get to the park! I _____ (not fly) a kite for more than 10 years!

(6) I _____ (never/be) to Vienna, but I _____ (go) to Budapest last year.

(7) He _____ (live) in Manila for a year when he was a student. He _____ (live) in Boston since he finished the university.

(8) Oh no! I _____ (lose) my wallet! I can't find it anywhere. I think, I _____ (lose) it when we were at the cinema.

(9) At the weekend, they _____ (play) football, then they _____ (go) to a restaurant.

(10) _____ (you/see) Julie today?

(11) I _____ (read) six books this week.

(12) She _____ (visit) her grandmother last month. She _____ (visit) her for a week now.

(13) She _____ (live) in seven different countries, so she knows a lot about different cultures.

(14) Ow! I _____ (cut) my finger! I _____ (cut) it while I was slicing onions.

(15) _____ (you/see) 'The King's Speech'?

Verb forms.

Read the passage and put the verbs in brackets into a suitable form. **Use negative forms where necessary.**

Now listen, I (0) want (want) to talk to you about your attitude and behaviour. For the last two months you (1) _____ (skip) most of your classes and (2) _____ (do) any homework. Furthermore, I (3) _____ (become) increasingly annoyed with the way you talk to your teachers. The other day, for example, you (4) _____ (say) to Mr Roberts he looked like a 'hideous gorilla', and while he (5) _____ (try) to talk to you, you just (6) _____ (shake) your head, (7) _____ (swing) open the door and walked away from him. He (8) _____ (be) very upset since then. I really think that (9) _____ (write) a report to your parents is the next logical step, and unless you (10) _____ (start) showing some signs of improvement, I'll send it to them. I also regret (11) _____ (send) you to detention last Tuesday after that incident in the canteen, but I definitely will next time. Your next class is about to start. Make sure you're there, or else!

Verb Tenses.

Read the text. Put the verbs from brackets into correct tenses.

Two walkers (0) have gone (go) missing near the summit of Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. John Watkins, aged 21 and Melanie McBrian, 19, _____ (not return) by nightfall, leading to fears that they may have been forced to spend the night on the mountain.

Weather conditions, when the pair _____ (set) off yesterday morning, were fairly good. By the afternoon, however, it had got much worse. Thick clouds quickly _____ (spread) over the region and there was a sharp drop in temperature. The surface of the local lakes began to freeze within a few hours. Blizzards began in the evening, with a great deal of snow falling above 500 metres.

A friend of John's _____ (admit) he is worried they could have had an accident last night, but insists they have a lot of experience walking in the mountains of Wales.

Mountain rescue teams, which _____ (begin) looking for the couple early this morning, say that one or both of the walkers may have slipped and fallen in bad weather conditions, especially as neither of them _____ (be) used to walking in the mountains in winter.

The hope is, though, that the rescue teams _____ (find) them safe before long, especially as the weather is forecast to clear up within the next few hours.

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (there is one PAST PERFECT).

e.g. **Before** I **had** chance to see her, she **had gone** home. (**had gone** is first action in this sentence, therefore we use PAST PERFECT). **By the time** I had chance to see her, she **had gone**.

Sue Thomas is a fashion designer. She _____ (make) clothes ever since she _____ (be) a young girl. She _____ (get) her first job in a clothes factory when she was sixteen. She _____ (sew) buttons onto a shirt one day when she _____ (have) a brilliant idea for a design- After she _____ (speak) to her bank manager, she got a loan and she _____ (open) her own little workshop. Now she _____ (make) lots of money. Next year she _____ (open) a shop which will sell all her own designs. She _____ (sell) clothes to a lot of famous people, including film stars and singers, and she _____ (think) she will be very rich soon.