

Past tenses, present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

- 1 Correct the mistake in each sentence. There may be more than one possible answer.
- Last week I ~~have met~~ my best friend in town and we went for a pizza. met
 - After I was finishing my homework, I watched TV. finished
 - While I was buying some jeans, I was seeing a T-shirt I liked. saw
 - By the time Alex got home, he ran two kilometres. had run
 - Recently I have been doing a lot of personality quizzes and I was enjoying them a lot. am enjoying
 - My sister used to cut my hair last week, so it's much shorter than it used to be. cut
 - I'd never eaten octopus before I tried it yesterday – that was the first time I ever had it. ate
 - I've been doing my project all day, but I haven't been finishing yet. finished

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Read the article and choose the correct option.



When you 1 **started/used to start** learning a new language, 2 **have you thought/did you think** about your personality? People 3 **have investigated/have been investigating** personality for hundreds of years, but it 4 **wasn't/hadn't been** until more recently that they looked into language and personality. Researchers 5 **already discovered/had already discovered** that bilingual speakers perceive colours differently, but recently they 6 **were finding/have found** that many people have different personalities in each language they speak. While they 7 **were doing/have been doing** one study, two linguists 8 **interviewed/had interviewed** more than 1,000 bilingual speakers, and over 66% said when they spoke different languages, they felt like a different person. I 9 **had studied/had been studying** English for years before I 10 **realised/was realising** that this was true for me. I 11 **was thinking/used to think** that people's personalities were 'fixed', but now I know that's not so. I 12 **just started/have just started** learning Spanish, so will I soon have a third personality?

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- 2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the continuous form where possible.

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My best friend

My best friend is called Elijah or Eli for short. I used to live in New York, but we 1 moved (move) to Los Angeles when I was 13. We 2 didn't live (not live) there for long when I 3 met (meet) Eli. I 4 explored (explore) my new neighbourhood, but I 5 got (get) lost. I 6 forgot (forget) to bring my phone, so I couldn't call home. Suddenly, I 7 noticed (notice) a boy about my age. He 8 smiled (smile) at me and asked if I was all right. I 9 explained (explain) what 10 happened (happen) and Eli showed me the way home. On the way, we 11 chatted (chat) about lots of different things and 12 discovered (discover) we had a lot in common. We've been friends ever since then!

