

Test B: Tenses – past

A Anne is emailing her new Spanish friend Pilar. If the underlined verb tenses are wrong, correct them. If they are right, put a tick (✓).

I'll try to answer some of your questions. (►) I have moved I moved to London from Bristol in 1995. That means (►) I've been here ✓ for almost ten years now. (Wow! Time flies, doesn't it?) (1) I was living in the south of the city when (2) I was starting going out with my husband, Mel. (We were both studying French at the time (3) we have met at University College.) In fact, (4) I've stayed in flats all over London! My favourite flat (5) had a balcony and you could see a small park in the square. (6) I had never forgotten that flat, or my flatmates. Anyway, that's enough about me. How long (7) have you lived in Madrid? (8) Have you been born there? London and Madrid are so big, aren't they? (9) I didn't see all the different parts of London yet! I saw an old friend by chance about a week ago when (10) I walked to work, and she lives on a boat in north London. (11) I have visited her last week. (12) I've never seen such a small kitchen! My friend cooked a meal for us.

B Sara is talking to her husband. They've been married for forty years. Six Past Simple verb forms should be Past Perfect. One has been corrected for you as an example. Find the other five, cross them out and rewrite them.

Sara:	We first met in 1960, didn't we, at the cinema?	.....
Brian:	Yes. When we arrived, (►) <u>the film already began</u> .	<u>the film had already begun</u>
Sara:	I saw it before anyway.	.....
Brian:	Really? You didn't tell me that.	.....
Sara:	No. I wanted you to take me to the cinema the following week!	.....
Brian:	So you already decided you liked me!	.....
Sara:	And then you took me to your favourite restaurant, but it closed a week before!	.....
Brian:	Oh dear. What did we do next?	.....
Sara:	We went to a pub to meet your friends, but it was empty. Everyone went home, because England was playing Germany at Wembley.	.....
Brian:	What an evening!	.....
Sara:	That's not all! When I got home I couldn't open the front door because I left my keys at the pub.	.....

C Anne is talking to her mother on the phone. Underline the verbs that should be in Present Perfect Continuous or Past Continuous form, and then change them. One has been done as an example. Find five more.

I've been studying

'I'm so tired, Mum. I've studied all day from five o'clock this morning. In fact, I did some maths when you rang just now. I still haven't finished and now I've got a headache because I've worked harder than I've ever done before! Sorry, what did you say? You've never had a problem with maths? But you're a teacher! You've read books and things all your life! Dad says you learnt French verbs on Saturday morning in the park when he first met you! Anyway, I haven't finished yet. My friend Stevie will be OK, though. Every time I've visited her in the last month, she has worked hard.'

D Paul, Caroline, Jo and Bob are talking about some of the holidays they've had. Put the verbs in the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Present Perfect tenses.

Paul: Do you remember when (►) we went (we go) to Morocco, Caroline?

Caroline: Unfortunately, yes. (1) (You/lose) your passport, just after we arrived.

Paul: That's right. (2) (We/sail) near the coast, and I was looking at the fish, and (3) (it/just drop) into the sea!

(4) (you/two/visit) North Africa?

Jo: No. (5) (We/be) to Ghana, though. (6) (We/fly) there in 2001, didn't we, Bob?

Bob: Sorry, Jo. (7) (I/not/listen). (8) (I/have) such a busy day today! Actually, (9) (I/fall) asleep on the sofa when (10) (Paul/ring) and invited us around.

Jo: So you need a holiday, don't you?

Caroline: (11) (Paul and I/go) to this really great country hotel, The Woodland Spa, about a month ago. (12) (We/read) the Sunday newspapers, and (13) (we/see) this advertisement.

(14) (Paul/not/stop) talking about it since we got back!

Paul: It was fantastic!

Bob: (15) (it/have) a jacuzzi in the bathroom?

Jo: (16) (be/there) a bowl of fruit in your bedroom?

Caroline: All of that. And (17) (you/never/see) such a beautiful swimming pool in your life!

Jo: It sounds lovely. Better than that hotel (18) (Bob and I/stay) in last year in Devon.

Bob: Oh dear. (19) (It/be) terrible. One night (20) (we/talk) in our room, and the owner knocked on the door at ten o'clock in the evening and told us to go to sleep!

Jo: (21) (I/not/enjoy) a holiday in the UK for years, I'm afraid.