Past simple, past continuous and used to

The tenses are incorrect. Write them correctly.

Did the film use to start at two o'clock yesterday?

Jordan was lucky he didn't sleep when the fire started.

My parents were knowing each other for years before they got married.

I used to get up at six this morning.

When the bully saw the teacher, he was running away.

While Mariella walked along the street, she fell.

Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I (switch off) the computer because it (make) a strange noise.
2. My dad (listen) to classical music when I (arrive) home from school.
3. We (play) video games when my mum , (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
4. My cousin (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he (live) in Italy.
5. My little sister (draw) a picture while I (study) for my French exam.
6. While they (try) to fix the computer, all the lights (go out).
7. When we (leave) school yesterday, it (pour) with rain.
8. When you (see) Paul, he (wear) a black jacket?I (try) to log on when the WiFi (stop) working.
9. While Dad (print) an article, the printer (run out) of paper.
10. Why (chat) to Philip while I (try) to tell you something really important?

Complete the sentences with got or made.

I the feeling that dad was angry with me.
He a good impression on his teachers because he always did his homework on time.
She better at chess because she practised.
We the most of the day by going for a walk.
Yesterday, I a decision. I'm going to university.

Complete the interview with a film producer. Use the Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple.

When (you/become) a film producer? I (get) my first job in 1996. I (be) a film producer for more than 15 years.

Why (you/decide) to become a film producer?

Well, I (always love) films. I'm good with money and schedules. So one day, I (decide) to try producing.

How many films (you/produce)? I (just complete) my eighth film.

(you/meet) a lot of famous film stars? Yes, I . I (work) with some very famous people.

Complete the sentences with the past simple or used to.

1 Tom all the time, but now he just plays games on his phone. (read)

2 I the party. It was very boring. (not enjoy)

3 When you were younger, you horror films? (watch)

4 We him at school yesterday because he was ill. (not see)

5 I eat anything last night because I sick. (can't, feel)

6 Sally a chocolate cake for my birthday. (make)

Complete with when or while

Jenna (study) at school w she (start) working as a fashion model in her free time. A well-known fashion photographer (notice) her w she (stand) at a bus stop with a friend. They (chat) about clothes w he (ask) Jenna if he could take her photo. What (she / wear) w this (happen)? Her school uniform!

Choose the correct option.

They used to **go** / **going** on holiday to the seaside.

What **were you** / **you were** talking about earlier?

I didn't **bought** / **buy** this computer. My parents got it for me.

We didn't **use** / **used** to care about animals, but we do now.

Ben **wasn't** / **didn't** doing his homework when I rang.

Did **use you** / **you use** to work in your parents' shop when you were sixteen?

Present perfect and present perfect continuous

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs using the past simple, the past continuous or used to. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1. I lost my purse while I (go) to school.
2. I (not be) a very good swimmer, but now I am.
3. What (you / do) after you heard the news?
4. She (break) her leg twice last year!
5. Where (they / travel) when they missed their train?
6. We (dance) when the music suddenly stopped.

Complete the sentences with the present perfect

1. Andres (always/want) to be a professional footballer.
2. You (not stop) talking since you got here!
3. you (see) my new laptop? It's really cool!
4. Cristiano Ronaldo (score) eighteen goals so far this season.
5. My dad (just/buy) a new car.
6. What you (do) to your hair? It's pink!
7. My mum and dad (teach) me the most in life.
8. Where you (be) all morning?
9. I (not pass) all my exams this year so I'm disappointed.
10. My brother (fall) in love with a girl from France.

Present perfect with already, still, yet, just, ever and never, for, since.

1. Have you been to California?
2. I have eaten, I am full.
3. It's been years I rode a bicycle.
4. We have been to the opera before.
5. Have you been to the new exhibition ?
6. They haven't been to visit us weeks.
7. Andre has seen the snow before.
8. Don't worry, the class has begun, you didn't miss much.
9. We haven't received their invitation card.
10. My mum hasn't had an accident she got her driving licence.

Rewrite the sentences with the word in brackets in the correct place.

1 I don't think I've tried surfing. (ever)

2 I had heard such an inspiring story. (never)

3 Have you asked your parents? (yet)

4 He had seen the film twice. (already)

5 I've finished reading the most amazing book. (just)

6 Had you studied English before you came here? (already)

7 I don't think he has finished. (yet)

8 I have to cut the grass but I don't have time. (still)

Present perfect simple or continuous

1. Sally and Tim (just/get married).
2. How long (Brian/work) at the homeless shelter?
3. John (sneeze) all day and now he has a red nose.
4. I (travel) to the USA three times.
5. Danny (look for) a new job for the last two months.
6. Emma (not/graduate) yet; she's in her final year at college.
7. (you/work) all day?
8. I (try) to contact you all week.
9. I (just/return) from a trip to Sweden.
10. Sarah (practise) that piano piece for days.
11. We (not/see) Tom and Sue for ages. How are they?
12. Mark (work) so hard, he's completely exhausted. That's why he (not/play) football for a while

Complete the text with the past simple, present perfect or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in the box.

Avoid	be (x2)	decide	have	
know	not arrive	sit	start	wait

It's nine o'clock. I for Kirsty for two hours, but she yet. I to finish with her. I don't want to, but I'm fed up. I Kirsty for a long time since our first day in secondary school – and we good friends since then. We going out three months ago and in the first few weeks it great. But about two weeks ago, Kirsty and I an argument and she me since then. I like Kirsty a lot, but I'm not an idiot. I here for too long. I'll finish with her tomorrow.

Past perfect and quantifiers

Write USED TO, BE USED TO or GET USED TO

1. When I was a teenager I dress up for Halloween.
2. At first I was really nervous about driving in Vancouver, but now I to it.
3. I don't think I'll ever to the rain in Vancouver.
4. Mike is Chinese. He is not speaking English in the office.
5. The smell of fish is awful, but you'll it after a couple of months in the job.
6. There are some things in this life that you'll never to.
7. It will take a while to the new computer software.
8. Two years ago, the students have four hours a week of language lessons.
9. She to hard work. She grew up in a very poor family.
10. 10. My children to eating hamburgers, but I don't think I'll ever to eating them.

Choose the correct option.

1. There isn't **plenty / enough** space in here for another chair.
2. My brother spends **too much / few** money on clothes.
3. I have very **little / enough** money, so we can't go shopping.
4. Emily's only got **a little / a few** friends, but they're all great!
5. There were **lots / many** of paintings at the auction, but I didn't really like any of them.
6. It was a good party, but there were **a little / too many** people there.
7. There are **plenty of / lots** sandwiches on the table – help yourself!
8. Have we got **enough food / food enough** for the party?
9. I have to do **too much / too many** homework every day.

Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Before yesterday's match, they (not win) any of their matches.
2. Before last year, she (never/be) to Granada.
3. I (call) her twice before she finally sent me a message.
4. It was the first time he (hear) such beautiful music.
5. John (always/think) that he wasn't a good basketball player.
6. Laura (never/be) good at dancing so she was very nervous.
7. My parents (refuse) to let me stay out late so I was surprised when they said yes.
8. I (not/drink) beer before that day. It wasn't very nice.
9. By the time I got home, I (lose) my wallet.

Complete the text using the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Perfect Simple or Past Simple.

On 10th December, 1968, a car filled with a large amount of money was on its way to a Japanese bank. A young policeman on a police motorbike (stop) the car. He (tell) the bank workers in the car that someone (put) a bomb under the car. The four workers (get out) of the car and the policeman (go) under it to look for the bomb. A few minutes later, the workers (notice) smoke and flames under the car. They (not realise) that the police officer (be) really a thief. He (start) the fire before he (appear) from under the car. After the workers (run) far away, the "policeman" quickly (put out) the fire. He (get) into the car and (drive) away with all the money. By the time the "real" policemen (arrive), the thief (disappear). He was never arrested.

Put the verb into the past simple or past perfect.

1. Everyone (hug) each other after they (finish) their exams.
2. She (not/want) to go to the cinema because she (already / see) the film.
3. After I (buy) my new computer, I discovered that I (not have) enough money.
4. My aunt Helen (fly) to Australia last year. She (never /go) on a plane before that.
5. We both (know) her address because she (tell) us.
6. I (just / buy) a dress when a thief (steal) my bag.
7. My niece (go) to London three times by the time she (be) sixteen.

Past simple, past continuous or past perfect form.

In music history, Stuart Sutcliffe is known as the fifth Beatle. In 1960, when the Beatles (play) in Hamburg, Germany, Stuart (be) the bass guitarist. He (be) also in love. He (meet) a girl called Astrid. The Beatles (return) to Britain at the end of the year without Stuart because he (decide) to stay in Germany to study art. But things went wrong when he (start) to have terrible headaches. The doctors (not know) what was wrong with him. One day, while he (study) in an art class, he (become) very ill. When the Beatles (return) to Germany in 1962, Astrid (wait) for them with some terrible news. Stuart (die).