

Tenses

1. Complete the sentences below with the appropriate present or past tense.

1. Last week I _____ (buy) a new work table and a new office chair. They said they would deliver them to my office on Monday afternoon. But they _____ (not call) on Friday to find out my address, and they _____ (not call) today. I will have to call them when I get back to my office.
2. Last week I _____ (go) to Tartu to visit my parents. While I was there, I also _____ (meet) an old friend and we _____ (play) a game of squash. I _____ (drive) back to Tallinn in the evening, and as I _____ (go) through Paide, I _____ (see) a ghost. There _____ (be) an old lady dressed in bright white clothing that seemed to glow. She _____ (stand) by the side of the road as I _____ (drive) past.
3. Normally, I _____ (eat) sandwiches for breakfast, but this morning I _____ (eat) porridge. Last week, I _____ (try) a new brand of oats and the porridge from these oats _____ (be) so good that I decided I would _____ (eat) porridge more often for breakfast. In fact this porridge _____ (be) so good that I _____ (eat) some for my lunch right now!
4. Last month, I read a book about a man who _____ (sail) his boat around the Baltic Sea. He _____ (leave) his home in England with some friends and _____ (travel) to Denmark and then through canals to the Baltic. I _____ (finish) the book, and so now I _____ (look) for a new book to read. Can you recommend something?
5. Last weekend, I _____ (sit) in a café and _____ (read) a newspaper, when an old friend _____ (come) in. It _____ (be) so good to see her — we _____ (have) a coffee and _____ (share) a piece of chocolate cake just like we used to in the old days. We _____ (talk) about what we _____ (do) at the moment and about our families. She told me that she _____ (be) married and _____ (have) one little boy called William. She _____ (be) especially happy because the previous night William _____ (sleep) through the night for the first time.

2. Use the correct tense.

John 1. _____ (always travel) a lot. In fact, he 2. _____ (be) only two years old when he first 3. _____ (fly) to the US. His mother 4. _____ (be) Italian and his father 5. _____ (be) American. John 6. _____ (be) born in France, but his parents 7. _____ (meet) in Cologne, Germany after they 8. _____ (live) there for five years. They 9. _____ (meet) one day while John's father 10. _____ (read) a book in the library and his mother 11. _____ (sit down) beside him. Anyway, John 12. _____ (travel) a lot because his parents also 13. _____ (travel) a lot.

As a matter of fact, John 14. _____ (visit) his parents in France at the moment. He 15. _____ (live) in New York now and really 17. _____ (enjoy) living there, but he 18. _____ (try) to visit his parents at least once a year.

This year he 19. _____ (fly) over 50,000 miles for his job. He 20. _____ (work) for Jackson & Co. for almost two years now. He 21. _____ (be) pretty sure that he 22. _____ (work) for them next year as well. His job 23. _____ (require) a lot of travelling. In fact, by the end of this year, he 24. _____ (travel) over 120,000 miles! His next journey 25. _____ (be) to Australia, he 26. _____ (book) the tickets and accommodation already. He really 27. _____ (not like) going to Australia because it is so far. This time he 28. _____ (fly) from Paris after a meeting with the company's French partner. He 29. _____ (fly) for over 18 hours by the time he 30. _____ (arrive)!

John 31. _____ (talk) with his parents earlier this evening when his girlfriend from New York 32. _____ (call) to let him know that Jackson & Co. 33. _____ (decide) to merge with a company in Australia. The two companies 34. _____ (negotiate) for the past month, so it really 35. _____ (not be) much of a surprise. Of course, this 36. _____ (mean) that John 37. _____ (have to catch) the next plane back to New York. He 38. _____ (meet) his boss at this time tomorrow.