

The meaning of dreaming

READING & LISTENING

- a Do you often remember your dreams? Do you think dreams can tell us anything about the future?
- b (3.16) Listen to a psychoanalyst talking to a patient about his dreams. Number the pictures 1–6 in the correct order.



- c Listen again and complete the gaps with a verb in the right form.

Dr Allen So, tell me, what did you dream about?

Patient I was at a party. There were a lot of people.

Dr What were they ¹_____?

P They were drinking and ²_____.

Dr Were you drinking?

P Yes, I was ³_____ champagne.

Dr And then what happened?

P Then, suddenly I was in a garden. There ⁴_____ a lot of flowers...

Dr Flowers, yes... what kind of flowers?

P I ⁵_____ really see – it was dark. And I could hear music – somebody was ⁶_____ the violin.

Dr The violin? Go on.

P And then I ⁷_____ an owl, a big owl in a tree...

Dr How did you ⁸_____? Were you frightened of it?

P No, not frightened really, no, but I ⁹_____ I felt very cold.

Especially my feet – they were freezing. And then I ¹⁰_____.

Dr Your feet? Mmm, very interesting, very interesting indeed. Were you ¹¹_____ any shoes?

P No, no, I wasn't.

Dr Tell me. Have you ever ¹²_____ this dream before?

P No, never. So what does it ¹³_____, Doctor?

- d What do you think the patient's dream means? Match five of the things in his dream with interpretations 1–5.

Understanding your dreams

You dream...

- ☐ that you are at a party.
- ☐ that you are drinking champagne.
- ☐ about flowers.
- ☐ that somebody is playing the violin.
- ☐ about an owl.

This means...

- 1 you are going to be very busy.
- 2 you're feeling positive about the future.
- 3 you want some romance in your life.
- 4 you need to ask an older person for help.
- 5 you'll be successful in the future.

- e (3.17) Listen to Dr Allen interpreting the patient's dream. Check your answers to d.
- f (3.18) Dr Allen is now going to explain what picture 6 means. What do you think the meaning could be? Listen and find out.

review of tenses: present, past and future

GRAMMAR review of verb forms

- a Look at the sentences below. Which one is the present perfect? Mark it **PP**. Then look at the other sentences. What time do they refer to? Mark them **P** (the past), **PR** (the present) or **F** (the future).

- 1 ☐ I was drinking champagne.
- 2 ☐ Maybe you'll have a meeting with your boss.
- 3 ☐ I saw an owl.
- 4 ☐ You are feeling positive.
- 5 ☐ You're going to meet a lot of people.
- 6 ☐ You work in an office.
- 7 ☐ I'm meeting her tonight.
- 8 ☐ Have you ever had this dream before?

tense	example	use
present simple	I live in the city centre. She doesn't smoke .	things that happen always or usually
present continuous	He's looking for a new job.	things that are happening now or in the near future
	I'm leaving tomorrow.	things that we have arranged for the future
past simple	We saw a good film last night. We didn't do anything yesterday.	finished actions in the past
past continuous	He was working in Paris. What were you doing at 7.00?	actions that were in progress at a past time
be going to + infinitive	I'm going to see Tom tonight.	future plans
	Look! It's going to rain .	predictions when we know / can see what's going to happen
will / won't + infinitive	You'll love New York.	predictions
	I'll phone her later.	instant decisions
	I'll help you.	offers
	I'll pay you back tomorrow.	promises
present perfect	I've finished the book.	recently finished actions (we don't say when)
	Have you ever been to Iran?	past experiences

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- a Complete the questions with one word.

Where do you usually have lunch?

I didn't see you at work last week. Were you ill?

- 1 _____ you often remember your dreams?
- 2 _____ you listen to the match on the radio last night?
- 3 Who do you think _____ win the election next year?
- 4 _____ your brother like rock music?
- 5 What _____ you going to watch on TV tonight?
- 6 _____ it snowing when you left?
- 7 Were you at the party last night? I _____ see you.
- 8 _____ you been to the supermarket?
- 9 _____ the film finished yet?

- b Put the verb in the right form.

A What are we doing tonight? (do)

B We ¹ _____ dinner with Jack and Mary. (have)

A But we ² _____ dinner with them last week! (have)

B Yes, but they ³ _____ to tell us some good news. (want)

A Oh, OK then. ⁴ _____ I _____ some champagne? (buy)

B It's 8 o'clock! Where ⁵ _____ you _____? (be)

A I'm sorry. When I ⁶ _____ home I

⁷ _____ to buy the champagne. And then I

⁸ _____ Mark in the shop... (walk, stop, see)

B Well, hurry up. We ⁹ _____ late! (be)

A It's OK. I ¹⁰ _____ a taxi and I'll be ready in five minutes. (already order)