

Grammar

Past tenses review

1 Complete the sentences with the simple past and past progressive form of the verbs.

- My teacher _____ (help) me a lot while I _____ (apply) for college.
- How _____ they _____ (get) lost when they _____ (ski) close to the ski resort?
- The car _____ (race) to the finish line when the tire _____ (come off)!
- _____ you _____ (contact) your parents regularly while you _____ (travel) around Australia?
- While we _____ (make) lunch, all our friends _____ (arrive).

2 Circle the correct options to complete the news item. In one case, both options are possible.



Lisel Heise ¹worked / had worked as a teacher all her life and then, in 2019, she ²decided / had decided to become a politician. She ³taught / had taught many of the people in her small town in Germany and so almost everyone ⁴knew / had known her. She ⁵loved / had loved her community and ⁶wanted / had wanted to create opportunities for young people. Her success in the election was helped by the fact that she ⁷kept / had kept in touch with lots of her students. But the most unusual thing is that she ⁸celebrated / had celebrated her 100th birthday two months before she ⁹won / had won the local election!

3 Complete the paragraph with the simple past, past progressive, or past perfect form of the verbs. In one case, two options are possible.

The moment I ¹_____ (realize) that I ²_____ (want) to be more like my sister-in-law is clear in my memory. We ³_____ (drive) to a wedding about 300 kilometers away. Everybody ⁴_____ (feel) stressed because we ⁵_____ (set off) late, people ⁶_____ (forgot) to bring various things, and we ⁷_____ (not / bring) any snacks—the usual family stuff. And everyone ⁸_____ (blame) the driver, my sister-in-law. But she ⁹_____ (stay) completely calm. She ¹⁰_____ (be) patient with everyone and ¹¹_____ (not / get) angry. And we ¹²_____ (get) there on time!

4 Complete the conversation with the simple past, past progressive, or past perfect form of these verbs.

be	invite	join	love	never / live
not / look forward to	need	not / surf	never / try	start

A: Oriol, when ¹_____ you _____ surfing?

B: Well, I was in the desert. Some friends ²_____ me to go on vacation with them.

A: But you ³_____ in the desert, right?

B: No, of course not. But it ⁴_____ a great vacation and I ⁵_____ going back to work. But suddenly, I ⁶_____ to do more with my life.

And so, back home, I ⁷_____ a surf school and ⁸_____ it.

A: ⁹_____ you _____ it before?

B: No, because I ¹⁰_____ near the coast. Anyway, now surfing is my life. And it's all thanks to my friends inviting me on that vacation.



Look at the Learning to Learn box. Then do the tasks.

LEARNING TO LEARN: GRAMMAR

Personalizing grammar patterns

One way to remember grammar patterns is to write and learn sentences that are true for you. Then when you need to check your grammar, you have some correct examples you can think of.

- 1 Look at sentence 1 in Grammar Exercise 1. Write a similar sentence about one of your teachers.
- 2 Write three more true sentences. Include the simple past, past progressive, and past perfect form.

Pronunciation

Saying words spelled with ear

- 1 **▶▶▶** Check (✓) the sound of *ear* in the words. Is it like *hear* or *heard*?

	hear /ɪr/	heard /ɜ:r/
appear		
clear		
early		
earth		
fear		
learn		
near		
search		

- 2 **▶▶▶** Listen again and repeat the words.