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GRAMMAR

Mixed tenses

I can use a variety of tenses.

- 1 ● Complete the sentences with the verbs below. There are two extra verbs.

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'm seeing plays 's playing were living

- My parents **were living** in London when I was born.
- I _____ Tom tomorrow evening, so I can ask him about the project then.
- We _____ our exam results yet. I hope I've done well!
- Jack's upstairs at the moment – I think he _____ computer games.
- My brother _____ school last year and now he's looking for a job.
- I _____ online tonight, to find some information for my project.

- 2 ● Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. Use the Present Simple, Present Continuous or Present Perfect.

break change listen love study try

- What **are** you **studying** in Biology at the moment?
- A lot of things _____ at our school in the last two years – it's very different now!
- Dan never _____ to the teacher, so he doesn't know what homework to do.
- Be quiet – I _____ to revise!
- Amy isn't at school today because she _____ her leg.
- I _____ Maths – it's my favourite subject!

- 3 ● Read some students' excuses for not doing their homework. Complete them with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

I ¹ **fell** (fall) asleep while I ² _____ (watch) TV. While I ³ _____ (sleep), my dog ⁴ _____ (take) my homework outside and ⁵ _____ (bury) it in the garden.

I ⁶ _____ (spill) water on my school bag while I ⁷ _____ (help) my mum in the kitchen. Unfortunately, all my books ⁸ _____ (get) wet!

The school bus ⁹ _____ (arrive) early this morning, while I ¹⁰ _____ (have) breakfast. I ¹¹ _____ (leave) the house quickly and I ¹² _____ (forget) my homework. Sorry!

- 4 ● Choose the correct option.

- I'm sure you **will get** / *are getting* good marks in your exams next week.
- How many people *are you going to* / *do you invite* to the party next month?
- Hurry up – the train *leaves* / *will leave* in five minutes!
- Do you want to come to the cinema with us this evening? We *will meet* / *are meeting* outside the cinema at 6.30.
- I think that in the future students *are studying* / *will study* at home more.
- What *are you going to do* / *do you do* to celebrate the end of exams next week?

- 5 ● Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

The world's biggest school

The City of Montessori School in Lucknow, India, ¹ **holds** (hold) the world record for the world's largest school, with over 50,000 students! The school first ² _____ (open) in 1959, with only five students. Dr Jagdish Gandhi, the founder of the school, says it was difficult to get students at first. He and his wife ³ _____ (work) very hard in the first few years while they ⁴ _____ (try) to achieve their dream of a good school for their city. The school ⁵ _____ (grow) a lot since those early days. It now ⁶ _____ (employ) 3,800 teachers, and lessons ⁷ _____ (take place) at twenty different sites across the city. And it ⁸ _____ (still / grow)! The next school year ⁹ _____ (start) in June, and who knows how many students there ¹⁰ _____ (be) by that time!

