

Grammar Revision (Tenses)

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A Read the text below and complete each blank with one word. All missing words are auxiliary verbs (is, was, have, has, had, do, does, did etc.).

My life (1) _____ improved a lot since last year. You see, before that I (2) _____ been working in the same job for five years and I (3) _____ beginning to feel rather bored. I (4) _____ getting ready to apply for another job when one day my boss called me into her office. "Our company (5) _____ planning to expand overseas," she said. "We (6) _____ thinking of starting with Spain, therefore we will (7) _____ needing some of our best employees to support our new branch there. (8) _____ you think you would be interested in a transfer?" Naturally I accepted, although at the time I (9) _____ not know that they (10) _____ also going to promote me to assistant manager.

By the end of this month, I will have (11) _____ living in Madrid for a year. You can't imagine how exciting my life (12) _____ become.

B Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple, Past Progressive, Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Progressive and complete the boxes with the time words below. Use each time word only once.

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1 _____ Mary _____ (have) a bath yesterday evening. I was in the kitchen. I _____ (cook) her favourite dish because I _____ (want) to surprise her. _____ she _____ (come) into the kitchen, she couldn't believe her eyes!

2 Jim: Mum, I _____ (look) for my black belt _____ the past hour and I _____ (not find) it. _____ you _____ (see) it anywhere?

Mother: No, but I think you _____ (lend) it to your brother about a week _____.

Jim: Oh, you're right. He _____ (not give) it back to me. I bet he _____ (wear) it all week. Where is he now, Mum?

Mother: I'm afraid Mark _____ (leave). He _____ (get) up about an hour before you _____ (do).

3 I _____ (work) on this project _____ this morning but I _____ (not finish) it _____ What am I going to tell my boss?