VERB TENSES TEXTS

Name: _____ Date: _____

EXERCISE 1

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: Present Simple or Continuous, Past Simple or Continuous, Present Perfect, Past Perfect, Used to, or gerund.

Chris!

Hello from Chile! I _____ (be) here for six months now, and at the moment everything _____ (go) very well. Before _____ (come) here last summer I _____ (be) really excited, partly because I _____ (never live) in Latin America before. I _____ (use) _____ (think) that it _____ (be) very dangerous here, but actually I _____ (feel) pretty safe in most of the places since I _____ (arrive) here.

The other day while I _____ (walk) along the street, suddenly I _____ (feel) a hand on my shoulder. I immediately _____ (turn round) and I _____ (see) a good-looking boy. He _____ (say) 'Hi!' And then he _____ (give) me my purse! Apparently, I _____ (drop) it in the street a few minutes before. He _____ (realize) that I _____ (not notice) so he _____ (pick it up) and _____ (return) it to me. He _____ (be) extremely nice; we _____ (have) coffee together several times since that day. His name _____ (be) Antonio and he _____ (study) English Literature at university. I _____ (not use) _____ (think) that life in South America would be as nice. Now I _____ (have) the time of my life.

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EXERCISE 2: Complete the text with the right verb tense.

Dear Mum and Dad,

I _____ (begin) to feel quite nervous now about my climb to the top of Everest. However, I think that since I arrived I _____ (do) all that I can to prepare myself and I _____ (be) very fit, but is that enough? To be perfectly honest with you, I am absolutely terrified!

We _____ (be/already) here for 10 days. Every day we _____ (do) some training to get used to the mountain conditions. As part of that training we _____ (learn) how to survive in sub-zero conditions which _____ (not be) much fun. We _____ (sleep) in all kinds of strange places for the last few nights and for the moment, no one _____ (tell) us where we _____ (spend) the night tonight. I often _____ (dream) about my warm bed back home and Mum's cooking. I _____ (not see) you for 4 months now, but it _____ (feel) like 4 years.

I _____ (get on) well with everyone here. Everybody _____ (try) to help each other and cheer up those who have had a bad day. But there's this guy from Italy who _____ (always complain) about everything; he _____ (always criticise) the way we do things like the cooking or the way the tasks are organised... He is so irritating!

It's wonderful to get all your letters and hear your news. I _____ (already / tell) everyone how hot it _____ (be) in England, but they _____ (not believe) me! And I _____ (try) to imagine all the summer colours in our garden, because, of course, the only colour here is white. It _____ (snow) a lot lately, so conditions are a bit dangerous.

Today's a rest day. Some guys _____ (sunbathe) because believe it or not it _____ (get) hot here around midday. Other people _____ (check) all our equipment, which is a job we have _____ (do) all the time.

I was a bit upset after reading your last letter because you told me that you are thinking of _____ (sell) our house. Please, wait until I _____ (get) back home before you make any decisions.

Anyway, it's 8 pm, and my bedtime. I _____ (always get up) at 4 am so I _____ (usually / be) in bed by 8.30 pm at the latest. I'd love to be lying in my bed back home right now, but I'm not!

Take care of yourselves.

Love,

James

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