



Exercise 1 : LIFE AFTER UNIVERSITY: DREAMS, CAREERS AND NEW CHALLENGES.

After graduating from university, Donna, Dylan, Brandon and Kelly started a new chapter in their lives. Donna had always dreamed of becoming a graphic designer. However, finding her first job was more difficult than she expected. She had been sending applications for three months before a small advertising company invited her for an interview. During that time, she had also been improving her digital design skills through online courses.

Dylan wanted to become a software engineer. He had been working on personal technology projects before he graduated, but many companies wanted candidates with professional experience. Instead of giving up, he accepted an internship and continued learning. He has been studying new programming languages since he started his internship, and he hopes to work for an international company in the future.

Brandon had expected to find a well-paid job immediately after university. Unfortunately, his first months were challenging. He had been preparing for several interviews before he finally received a job offer. When he started working, he realized that managing money and paying bills required discipline. Meanwhile, Kelly decided to continue her education. She has been studying for a master's degree while working part-time at a research center. Although she sometimes feels tired, she enjoys learning new things.

Their lives have changed in different ways. Donna has been building her professional portfolio, Dylan has been gaining valuable experience, Brandon has been learning to manage his responsibilities, and Kelly has been developing her academic career. They do not see each other as often as they did at university, but they still support one another. They have discovered that success does not happen at the same time for everyone. Each person has a different path, and patience, effort and good decisions can help turn dreams into reality.

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Exercise 2 : Reading Comprenhension.

1. What was Donna's professional dream?
- To become a software engineer.
- To become a graphic designer.
- To become a researcher.

2. Why did Donna have difficulty finding a job?
- Finding her first job was more difficult than expected.
- She did not want to work.
- She wanted to leave the country.

3. What did Dylan do when companies asked for professional experience?
- He stopped studying programming.
- He changed his career.
- He accepted an internship and continued learning.

4. What had Brandon been doing before receiving a job offer?
- Preparing for several interviews.
- Studying for a master's degree.
- Working as a graphic designer.

5. What did Brandon learn after starting his job?
- How to create digital designs.
- How to manage money and pay bills.
- How to develop computer programs.

6. Why did Kelly decide to continue studying?
- She wanted to become a professional athlete.
- She wanted to stop working permanently.
- She wanted to develop her academic career.

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7. What is one important difference between the four friends' experiences?

- They all found jobs immediately.
- They followed different professional and personal paths.
- They all studied the same subject.

8. What is the main message of the reading?

- Everyone achieves success at their own pace through effort and good decisions.
- People should choose the highest-paying job.
- University graduates should avoid changing their plans.

9. Which character's experience do you find most interesting, and why?

10. What can young people learn from the experiences of Donna, Dylan, Brandon and Kelly when planning their own future?

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Exercise 3 : IDENTIFY AND CORRECT THE ERROR

Instructions: Read each sentence carefully. Identify the grammatical mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. They has been studying for two hours.

2. She have been practicing the piano since three hours.

3. Had he been work on the project before the teacher arrived?

4. We had not been sleep well before the final exam.

5. Has you been learning English since 2024?

6. By the time the match started, the players have been training for weeks.

7. I had been waiting for the bus since 30 minutes when it finally arrived.

8. Had they been studying? No, they hadn't been. They had been play video games.

9. He hasn't been working here for last Monday.

10. Why she had been crying before her friend called?



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Exercise 4 : PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Instructions: Put the words in the correct order to form grammatically correct sentences.

1. for three hours / has / she / been / studying
•
2. working / they / since Monday / have / not / been
•
3. practicing / had / before the concert / been / he / singing
•
4. been / you / have / English / learning / how long / ?
•
5. the bus / had / waiting / we / been / for / when it started raining
•
6. hadn't / before the exam / been / sleeping / I / well
•
7. been / had / playing / football / they / all afternoon / ?
•
8. she / why / working / has / been / so hard / ?
•
9. had / not / been / the computer / working / properly / before the technician arrived
•
10. studying / have / your classmates / been / recently / ?
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Exercise 5 : TRANSFORM THE SENTENCES

Instructions: Transform each sentence according to the instruction in parentheses. Keep the original tense unless the instruction indicates otherwise

1. She has been practicing the piano for an hour.

Change to negative.

2. They had been preparing for the competition.

Change to negative.

3. He has been studying computer science since September.

Change to a question.

4. You had been working on the project for weeks.

Change to a question.

5. Have you been exercising recently?

Change to an affirmative sentence using Yes.

6. Had they been waiting for a long time?

Change to a negative sentence using No.

7. Has she been learning French for six months?

Complete the short answer: Yes, ...

8. Had he been playing basketball before the rain started?

Complete the short answer: No, ...

9. Emma is still studying for her university entrance exam. She started three hours ago.

Use the Present Perfect Continuous.

10. Before the teacher arrived yesterday, the students started working on the project two hours earlier.

Use the Past Perfect Continuous.



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Exercise 6 :COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Instructions: Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. Maya _____ (practice) for two hours, and she is still practicing.
2. They _____ (not / play) video games recently because they have exams.
3. How long _____ you _____ (learn) English?
4. By the time the coach arrived, the athletes _____ (run) for an hour.
5. He _____ (not / sleep) well before he took the important exam yesterday.
6. _____ your sister _____ (work) on her science project since Monday?
7. We _____ (prepare) our presentation all week, and we are ready now.
8. How long _____ Kelly _____ (wait) before the interview started?
9. The students _____ (not / pay) attention before the teacher asked them a question.
10. _____ Brandon _____ (train) for the marathon before he injured his leg?

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