

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My mother _____ (teach) me to paint at weekends, but I'm not very good at it yet.
- 2 I didn't recognise you! _____ (you, change) your hairstyle?
- 3 Harry's very tired. He _____ (paint) the fence all day.
- 4 My parents _____ (not go) to Spain since they were there on their honeymoon.
- 5 We _____ (all, make) mistakes at some time in the past.
- 6 Chris has been anxious all day. He _____ (expect) a phone call about his exam results.
- 7 Do you mind if I keep your book a bit longer? I _____ (not read) it yet.
- 8 How long _____ (our team, win) for? They were two goals down the last time I looked!
- 9 How many times _____ (I, tell) you not to interrupt me when I'm speaking!
- 10 The Dogs' Home _____ five hundred pounds from a rich animal lover. (receive)
- 11 You _____ all the bread, have you? Now I'll have to buy another loaf! (eat)
- 12 How lovely to see you! It _____ ages! (be)
- 13 They _____ of moving house recently. (think)
- 14 How many jobs _____ she _____ since university? (have)
- 15 We _____ an extension onto our house, but it's only half-finished. (build)

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2 Using the words in brackets, complete the sentences with the correct verb pattern.

- 1 Mike didn't feel like _____ (drive) for hours on end.
- 2 Jacob suggested _____ (take) the bus.
- 3 The kitchen is a total mess. Mum rang to say that she wants _____ (it, clean up) by the time she gets home.
- 4 Jenny flatly refused _____ (help) me bring the shopping in. She's so lazy!
- 5 I haven't enjoyed _____ (cook) at all since I went on a diet.
- 6 I don't know which MP3 player to buy. Can you help _____ (me, choose)?
- 7 She crossed the road and pretended _____ (not see) him.
- 8 The villagers saw him _____ (drown) and went to the rescue.

- 9 He offered _____ (pay) the bill.
- 10 I really miss _____ (visit) my auntie now she's moved away.
- 11 I was made _____ (eat) spinach as a child.
- 12 Do you remember _____ (sing) that song at the karaoke evening?
- 13 I'm in a hurry. I can't stop _____ (have) a chat now.
- 14 The students failed _____ (submit) their assignments.
- 15 Did you remember _____ (tell) him about the meeting next week?
- 16 Members of the public succeeded in _____ (tie up) the bank robber.
- 17 Can you please stop _____ (talk)? I can't concentrate.
- 18 John doesn't usually risk _____ (drive) with hardly any petrol in the tank.
- 19 Fiona never thinks of _____ (get) ready for school a bit earlier.
- 20 I've been trying to give up _____ (eat) desserts.

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Vocabulary

3 Choose the best synonym a–d for the adjectives in bold.

- 1 **considerate** a well-mannered b pleasant c thoughtful d gentle
- 2 **assertive** a forceful b impatient c self-centred d curious
- 3 **stubborn** a impatient b determined c mean d ill-tempered
- 4 **conceited** a lazy b careless c different d vain
- 5 **daring** a brave b careful c hard-working d excited

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4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word you do not need.

dedicated thick-skinned amiable patronising sensible immature
considerate timid rational

1. She's often been criticised, but she's so _____ she doesn't care.
2. Our neighbours are extremely _____. We never hear any noise late at night.
3. John's not at all crazy, his behaviour is totally _____.
4. Jill thought it was a bit _____ of Freddie to explain the off-side rule to her. She's been playing football longer than he has!

5. Ellen wanted to dye her hair platinum blonde, but in the end she was too _____ to do it.
6. It isn't _____ to spend more money than you can afford.
7. The examiner smiled and was perfectly _____ towards me, but he was very strict.
8. James is extremely _____ to his work.

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5 Complete the sentences with appropriate words to form compound adjectives.

1. Don't be so _____-minded! You're always leaving things behind.
2. London is so _____-populated, it's getting difficult to find a house to rent.
3. He was a cold-_____ criminal. He wouldn't hesitate to use a gun when he robbed banks.
4. The restaurant offers a number of mouth-_____ dishes, all very reasonably priced.
5. My mother is so _____-headed, she never makes hasty decisions.

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6 Choose the correct answers.

1. We decided against this holiday **owing to** / **regarding** the fact that the hotel is a long way from the sea.
2. My grandfather doesn't have any income **except** / **alongside** a small pension.
3. There are regular ferry services **among** / **between** Piraeus and dozens of Greek islands.
4. On the other side of the village the road runs **aside from** / **alongside** the lake.
5. I think I have changed my mind **regarding** / **considering** what we spoke about yesterday.
6. Jim doesn't seem to count us **between** / **among** his friends any more.

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7 Complete the second sentence with a set phrase, so that it means the same as the first sentence.

1. I think we can rely on Bill to do what he promised. I don't think Bill will _____ .
2. Our team won't be nervous about the match. Our team will take the match _____ .

3. You can always tell when someone has upset Helen. Helen always wears her heart _____ .
4. Louise is always willing to do exciting things. Louise is _____ .
5. When children scream, mothers think something terrible has happened. When mums hear loud screams they always _____ .
6. I was told something surprising and I couldn't think what to say. When they told me the surprising news I was _____ .

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Everyday English

8 Complete the sentences by writing a single word in each gap.

1. Judging _____ the photo, the man is going on holiday.
2. I'd _____ that the woman is her daughter.
3. _____ my experience, people don't behave like that.
4. By and _____, I think that's right.
5. I should _____ that they are brothers.

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Use of English

9 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Dan is so _____ that he never listens to other people's advice.
a dedicated b stubborn c assertive
- 2 My brother is very sociable and _____. He enjoys parties and meeting people.
a responsible b well-meaning c outgoing
- 3 I wish I were more _____-minded. It's important to be ambitious and really know what you want.
a only b single c one
- 4 Paul _____ his leg so he can't play football this year.
a is broken b has broken c has been breaking
- 5 Jack _____ emails to friends all morning, and he still has lots more to write.
a wrote b has written c has been writing
- 6 There's nobody here yet _____ from Fiona and me.
a apart b among c owing
- 7 _____ the bad weather, we had a really nice weekend.
a Regarding b Considering c Alongside
- 8 My mum made me _____ my homework before going out.
a do b to do c doing
- 9 Joe looks _____ his dad.
a as if b like c as
- 10 Simon didn't know what to say. He was _____ for words.
a taken b caught c lost

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