

LOTS - Units 1 to 3 - UPPER INTERMEDIATE

1 Complete the short dialogues with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs given.

1 A: What are you doing this afternoon? Would you like to come swimming with me?

B: Sorry, I (have) art club on Wednesdays and then homework to do. Maybe later.

2 A: How's it going? Do you like your new school?

B: Yes, I (have) a great time. The classes are really interesting and my social life is fantastic.

3 A: You look annoyed. What's wrong?

B: I need my course book for my revision but Jack has got it. He (always / borrow) my books and he never gives them back.

4 A: Where have you been?

B: I went to see my teacher. I've been having problems with my homework but it's OK – I (understand) it now.

2 Complete the text with the correct present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs given.

Alison (1) (study) in the library all afternoon but she needs to do some exercise so she's going to the sports centre. She (2) (be) a member of the basketball team since she started at her new school and she does fitness training most afternoons. She (3) (not finish) her maths project yet so she'll probably do some more reading before going out in the evening. One of her friends is in the drama club and he's in a play this week. He (4) (act) since the beginning of secondary school and he's very good. This is the last night of the play and the students (5) (already/perform) the play six times this week. Alison is sure that this final performance will be the best.

3 Complete the email with one word in each gap.

Hi Liam,

How are your exams going? I've only got two left. I'm (1) some revision at the moment. I've (2) working really hard because I don't want to have to resit any of them. The really difficult thing is finding time (3) do exercise and all my usual chores.

I think I've only been to the sports centre twice (4) the exams began! I need some exercise! Do you want to go cycling at the weekend?

Anyway, back to work. I'm (5) wasting time on emails and it won't help me pass!

See you soon,

Oliver

4 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

My brother has just (1) in marine biology and my parents are very proud. He isn't sure what he wants to do next, but he's thinking of doing a (2) My parents think he should wait for a while before deciding. He has already got one student (3) to pay back and they'd like him to get a job. However, he says he might be able to get funding to study (4) and he really wants to go to Australia. I hope he does because then I can go and visit him there!

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| 1 A lectured | B graduated | C failed |
| 2 A master's | B course | C resit |
| 3 A facilities | B term | C loan |
| 4 A assignment | B abroad | C undergraduate |

5 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the email.

Hi Craig,

How's it going? Are you still enjoying work?

I found uni difficult at first but it's OK now. At school the teachers (1) were telling/would tell us when to do assignments, but now I have to organise my own study time and there are so many things to fit in. Remember how we (2) used/would to prepare all our assignments in class first? Now I have to arrange to see my tutor if I need help. And back at school I (3) wouldn't to do/didn't use to do much work until just before the exams but now, with continuous assessment, I have to stay on top of everything. I got good marks for my last assignment though, which I'm pleased about because, as you know, I (4) would be/used to be quite lazy but on this assignment I worked very hard.

I'll be home soon. I've got a holiday job at the same place I (5) was working/had been working last year. It will be nice to have some money!

Hope to see you then,

Anna

6 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

apply • earn • given • keep
sign • student • undergraduate

My sister has always wanted to be a human rights lawyer and now, after many years of study, she has just been (1) a job with a top law firm. When she was an (2) at university, she used to volunteer with a charity and she also spent some time studying abroad when she did her master's. All that experience definitely helped her when she (3) for this job. It will be difficult. Her normal hours are nine to five but they told her that she will often have to work overtime and she also has to (4) up with changes in the law. But she is really happy and can't wait to (5) the contract.

7 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

1 What's the arrival time of Gemma's train? **DOES**

What time ?

2 I've arranged to meet Pedro outside the café at 4.30. **MEETING**

I the café at 4.30.

3 Paul is working in New York for six months from next January. **WORKING**

Next March, Paul New York.

4 I am going to go to university before the end of the year. **GONE**

I will the end of the year.

5 The traffic is terrible and I don't think it's possible to catch the train now. **MISS**

The traffic's terrible and I think we are

8 Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

When Harry opened his eyes, outside the landscape was (1) (usual). His head was hurting badly. He had been unconscious for a long time. He remembered attempting to re-enter Golath's orbit but he had (2) (calculate) his speed and the spacecraft had fallen uncontrollably through the atmosphere. Harry had tried to disable the automatic controls, but this had been (3) (possible) and the spacecraft had hit the ground heavily. Harry knew it had been (4) (responsible) of him to take the craft. At this very moment, there was probably an international search going on for him and he knew he shouldn't (5) (estimate) the anger of the leader of Agron.

10 You have been discussing work and careers in your English class and now your teacher has asked you to write an essay with this title:

It is more important to earn a lot of money than to have a satisfying job.

Write 150–200 words.