

## GRAMMAR CONSOLIDATION

### Past time

#### A. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence

1. When you passed the town hall clock, *did you notice / were you noticing* what time it was?
2. Last night my neighbours *were shouting / would shout* for hours and I couldn't get to sleep.
3. When you lived in London, *did you use to travel / were you travelling* by bus?
4. Everyone was having a good time, although not many people *danced / were dancing*.
5. Jill was really hungry because she *didn't eat / hadn't eaten* all day.
6. Before we went to the theatre, we *called in / had called in* at George's cafe for a pizza.
7. It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone *stared / was staring* at me. What had I done wrong?
8. Nobody bothered to tell me that the school *decided / had decided* to have a special holiday on Friday.
9. I was *trying / tried* to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?
10. A: Excuse me, but this seat is mine.  
B: I'm sorry, I didn't *realise / hadn't realised* that you were sitting here.

#### B. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.

This time last year I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine. We (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to France before, but we (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (know) some French from our time at school and we (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to brush up on the basics. Now we (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (wonder) if we (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the right decision. We (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) one important thing, the weather. It (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (22) \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) down a steep hill my bike (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (skid) on

the wet road and I (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (fall off). I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) immediately that I (26) \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I (27) \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home. Unfortunately my parents (28) \_\_\_\_\_ (not/expect) me home for a fortnight, and (29) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) away on holiday. So I (30) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading 'Teach Yourself French'.

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

31. I intended to call you yesterday, but I forgot.

**going**

I \_\_\_\_\_ call you yesterday, but I forgot.

32. Sylvia asked if I wanted more pudding, but I said I couldn't eat any more.

**had**

When Sylvia offered \_\_\_\_\_ enough.

33. Owing to illness, Sally was unable to sing the solo, as arranged.

**have**

Sally was \_\_\_\_\_ but she fell ill.

34. Diana wasn't always as rude as that.

**be**

Diana \_\_\_\_\_ rude.

35. We've changed our minds about going to Rome, as originally intended.

**intending**

We \_\_\_\_\_ we've changed our minds.

36. When I lived in London cycling to work was part of my daily routine.

**used**

When I lived in London I \_\_\_\_\_ day.

37. I might possibly go to the theatre tonight.

**wondering**

I \_\_\_\_\_ going to the theatre tonight.

38. I had to go past your house so I decided to drop in.

**passing**

I \_\_\_\_\_ so I decided to drop in.

39. About 100 people were waiting for the late bus.

**arrived**

By \_\_\_\_\_ about 100 people waiting.

40. What were you doing at the moment of the explosion?

**occurred**

When \_\_\_\_\_ what were you doing?

### **Present perfect**

D. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

41. I can't believe it, Inspector. You mean that Smith *stole* / *has stolen* / *has been stealing* money from the till all this time!

42. You three boys look very guilty! What *did you do* / *have you done* / *have you been doing* since I *left* / *have left* the room?

43. Why on earth *didn't you tell* / *haven't you told* me about that loose floorboard? I *tripped* / *have tripped* over it just now and hurt myself.

44. It's a long time since I *saw* / *have seen* / *have been seeing* your brother Paul. What did he *do* / *has he done* / *has he been doing* lately?

45. I can't believe that you *ate* / *have eaten* / *have been eating* three pizzas already! I only *brought* / *have only brought* them in fifteen minutes ago!

46. Don't forget that you *didn't see / haven't seen* Mrs Dawson. She has *waited / has been waiting* outside since 10.30.

47. What *did you think / have you thought* of Brighton? *Did you stay / Have you stayed* there long?

48. I feel really tired. I *weeded / have weeded / have been weeding* the garden for the last three hours and I *didn't rest / haven't rested* for a single moment.

49. I'm having problems with David. He *has called / has been calling* me up in the middle of the night and *told / telling* me his troubles.

50. How long *did you have / have you had / have you been having* driving lessons? And *did you take / have you taken / have you been taking* your test yet?

**E.** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

51. This has been my home for thirty years.

**lived**

I \_\_\_\_\_ for thirty years.

52. Eating Chinese food is new to me.

**never**

I \_\_\_\_\_ before.

53. Tony hasn't been to Paris before.

**first**

It's \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris.

54. We haven't been swimming for ages.

**since**

It's \_\_\_\_\_ swimming.

55. Mary started learning French five years ago.

**has**

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ five years.

56. I am on the tenth page of this letter I am writing.

**ten**

So far I \_\_\_\_\_ of this letter.

57. It's over twenty years since they got married.

**for**

They have \_\_\_\_\_ than twenty years.

58. The last time I saw Dick was in 1995.

**seen**

I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ 1995.

59. There is a definite improvement in your work.

**has**

Lately \_\_\_\_\_ improved.

60. This is my second visit to Hungary.

**visited**

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Hungary.

F. Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.

I (61) \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to London three weeks ago to take up a new post at my company's London office. Ever since then, I (62) \_\_\_\_\_ (wonder) if I (63) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the right decision.

I (64) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a lot of negative things about living in the capital, and I can't say London (65) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a very favourable impression on me. It's so polluted and expensive, and the people are so distant. You see, I (66) \_\_\_\_\_ (grow up) in a fairly small town called Devizes and I (67) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) all of my life there.

I (68) \_\_\_\_\_ (always/want) to live in a big city and so when my company (69) \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) me a job in London, I (70) \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) at the chance.

I think I'm not alone in my aversion to the big city. According to a programme I  
(71) \_\_\_\_\_ (just/hear) on the radio, more and more people (72)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working in London recently, and a lot of large companies (73)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (choose) to move away from the centre. Oh well, it's too late to  
change my mind now, because the job is up and running, and I (74) \_\_\_\_\_  
(already/sell) my house in Devizes. But I must admit, over the past few days, I (75)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (secretly/hope) that the company would relocate me back to my old  
town.