

Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (**I did**), past continuous (**I was doing**), past perfect (**I had done**) or past perfect continuous (**I had been doing**).

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Yesterday afternoon Sarah went (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she (get) there, Paul (already / wait) for her. His train (arrive) early.

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When I got home, Ben (lie) on the sofa. The TV was on, but he (not / watch) it. He (fall) asleep and (snore) loudly. I (turn) the TV off and just then he (wake) up.

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Last night I (just / go) to bed and (read) a book when suddenly I (hear) a noise. I (get) up to see what it was, but I (not / see) anything, so I (go) back to bed.

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Where's my passport?



Lisa had to go to New York last week, but she almost (miss) the plane. She (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly (realise) that she (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately she lives near the airport, so she (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.

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I (meet) Peter and Lucy yesterday as I (walk) through the park. They (be) to the Sports Centre where they (play) tennis. They (go) to a cafe and (invite) me to join them, but I (arrange) to meet another friend and (not / have) time.

Make sentences from the words in brackets. Put the verb into the correct form: present perfect (**I have done**), present perfect continuous (**I have been doing**), past perfect (**I had done**) or past perfect continuous (**I had been doing**).

- 1 Amanda is sitting on the ground. She's out of breath.
(she / run) ... She has been running.
- 2 Where's my bag? I left it under this chair.
(somebody / take / it)
- 3 We were all surprised when Jess and Nick got married last year.
(they / only / know / each other / a few weeks)
- 4 It's still raining. I wish it would stop.
(it / rain / all day)
- 5 Suddenly I woke up. I was confused and didn't know where I was.
(I / dream)

Additional exercises

- 6 It was lunchtime, but I wasn't hungry. I didn't want to eat anything.
(I / have / a big breakfast)
- 7 Every year Robert and Tina spend a few days at the same hotel by the sea.
(they / go / there for years)
- 8 I've got a headache.
(I / have / it / since I got up)
- 9 Next month Gary is going to run in a marathon.
(he / train / very hard for it)

Sarah and Joe are old friends. They meet by chance at a train station.



- SARAH: Hello, Joe. (1) (I / not / see) you for ages. How are you?
- JOE: I'm fine. How about you?
- (2) (you / look) good.
- SARAH: Thanks. You too.
- So, (3) (you / go) somewhere or
- (4) (you / meet) somebody?
- JOE: (5) (I / go) to London for a business meeting.
- SARAH: Oh. (6) (you / often / go) away on business?
- JOE: Quite often, yes. And you? Where (7) (you / go)?
- SARAH: Nowhere. (8) (I / meet) a friend. Unfortunately her train (9) (be) delayed –
- (10) (I / wait) here for nearly an hour.
- JOE: How are your children?
- SARAH: They're all fine, thanks. The youngest (11) (just / start) school.
- JOE: How (12) (she / get) on?
- (13) (she / like) it?
- SARAH: Yes, (14) (she / think) it's great.
- JOE: (15) (you / work) at the moment? The last time I
- (16) (speak) to you, (17) (you / work) for an insurance company.
- SARAH: That's right. Unfortunately the company (18) (go) out of business a couple of months after (19) (I / start) work there, so (20) (I / lose) my job.
- JOE: And (21) (you / not / have) a job since then?
- SARAH: Not a permanent job. (22) (I / have) a few temporary jobs. By the way, (23) (you / see) Matt recently?
- JOE: Matt? He's in Canada.
- SARAH: Really? How long (24) (he / be) in Canada?
- JOE: About a year now. (25) (I / see) him a few days before
- (26) (he / go). (27) (he / be) unemployed for months, so (28) (he / decide) to try his luck somewhere else. (29) (he / really / look forward) to going.
- SARAH: So, what (30) (he / do) there?
- JOE: I have no idea. (31) (I / not / hear) from him since
- (32) (he / leave). Anyway, I have to go and catch my train. It was really good to see you again.
- SARAH: You too. Bye! Have a good trip!
- JOE: Thanks. Bye.

Put the verb into the most suitable form.

- 1 Who (invent) the bicycle?
- 2 'Do you still have a headache?' 'No, (it / go). I'm OK now.'
- 3 I was the last to leave the office last night. Everybody else (go) home when I (leave).
- 4 What (you / do) last weekend? (you / go) anywhere?
- 5 I like your car. How long (you / have) it?
- 6 It's a shame the trip was cancelled. I (look) forward to it.
- 7 Jane is an experienced teacher and loves her job. (she / teach) for 15 years.
- 8 Emily (buy) a new dress last week, but (she / not / wear) it yet.
- 9 A few days ago (I / meet) a man at a party whose face (be) very familiar. At first I couldn't think where (I / see) him before. Then suddenly (I / remember) who (he / be).
- 10 (you / hear) of Agatha Christie? (she / be) a writer who (die) in 1976. (she / write) more than 70 detective novels, but (I / not / read) any of them.
- 11 A: What (this word / mean)?
B: I've no idea. (I / never / see) it before. Look it up in the dictionary.
- 12 A: (you / get) to the theatre in time for the play last night?
B: No, we were late. By the time we got there, (it / already / start).
- 13 I went to Sarah's room and (knock) on the door, but there (be) no answer. Either (she / go) out or (she / not / want) to see anyone.
- 14 Dan asked me how to use the photocopier. (he / never / use) it before, so (he / not / know) what to do.
- 15 Lisa (go) for a swim after work yesterday. (she / need) some exercise because (she / sit) in an office all day in front of a computer.