

Test D: Tenses – past and perfect

A

Read the conversation. Then look at the answers below and write the correct answer in each space.

Tessa: Hello, Robert. I (►) seen you for ages.
Robert: Hello, Tessa. Great to see you. What have you (1) doing lately?
Tessa: (2) just started a new job in computer software.
Robert: You (3) working for Tuffex Plastics when we last met.
Tessa: That's right. I hadn't (4) working there long before I got fed up. I (5) realized what a horrible job it would be. But what about you? (6) you found a job?
Robert: Well, six months ago I (7) working for a car hire company, but then they (8) bankrupt. So I'm out of work now. (9) been looking around for another job.
Tessa: Well, I'm sure you'll find one soon.

► a) didn't	b) hadn't	c) haven't	d) wasn't
1 a) been	b) had	c) has	d) was
2 a) I'd	b) I'll	c) I'm	d) I've
3 a) did	b) had	c) have	d) were
4 a) be	b) been	c) done	d) had
5 a) didn't	b) hadn't	c) haven't	d) wasn't
6 a) Did	b) Had	c) Have	d) Were
7 a) been	b) had	c) have	d) was
8 a) go	b) going	c) gone	d) went
9 a) I'd	b) I'll	c) I'm	d) I've

B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

► Susan had a green dress on. (wearing)
Susan was wearing a green dress.

1 The doctor began work at six o'clock and is still working. (has)
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2 Rupert didn't have his credit card. (forgotten)
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3 I didn't want to go without taking a photo. (until)
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4 Nancy has been writing the report. It is finished now. (written)
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5 My wait in the queue has lasted forty minutes so far. (I)
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6 When we arrived, everyone was on the dance floor. (dancing)
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7 The computer has been mine for four years. (had)
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8 In the middle of our lunch there was a knock at the door. (when)
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9 Nigel felt sick from eating too many cakes. (because)
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C

Write the sentences correctly.

► I like this CD. I've been having it for ages.

I've had it for ages.

1 It was my first day back at work. I was on holiday.

2 I'm quite tired now. I play badminton.

3 I had to sit down. I'd been having a shock.

4 You need a rest. How much have you been working?

5 The robbery happened at midday. Lots of people walked along the street outside.

6 My sister speaks good English. She is practising her English since last summer.

7 At last I have my qualification. I've been passing my exam.

8 Michelle looked really sunburnt. She'd lie in the sun for too long.

9 We got to the coach stop at nine yesterday. But the coach has already gone.

D

Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

► A: Did you buy (you / buy) anything at the antiques sale yesterday?
B: No. I wanted ... (I / want) to buy some jewellery, but I'd left ... (I / leave) my credit card at home.

1 A: Are you still copying those addresses?

B: No, that's all of them. (I / finish) now.

2 A: The train is never going to get here.

B: How long (we / wait) now?

A: At least half an hour. (we / be) here since ten to five.

3 A: Did you have a nice chat with Tessa?

B: No, not really. When (we / drink) our coffee, (she / hurry) off home.

4 A: It's terrible about that plane crash, isn't it?

B: Yes, awful. (I / have) breakfast when (I / hear) the news.

5 A: So you sing in a rock band, do you? How long

(you / do) that?

B: Oh, since I was sixteen. (we / do) about a dozen concerts.

6 A: Do you know what Polly was so upset about yesterday?

B: No, I don't. But I'm sure (she / cry). Her eyes looked red.

A: Perhaps (she / have) some bad news.

7 A: The shooting was very frightening, I suppose.

B: It certainly was. When we (hear) the shot, we all (throw) ourselves to the floor.