Grammar

Past tenses review

1 **Complete the sentences with the simple past and past progressive form of the verbs.**

1. My teacher _____ (help) me a lot while I _____ (apply) for college.
2. How _____ they _____ (get) lost when they _____ (ski) close to the ski resort?
3. The car _____ (race) to the finish line when the tire _____ (come off)!
4. _____ you _____ (contact) your parents regularly while you _____ (travel) around Australia?
5. While we _____ (make) lunch, all our friends _____ (arrive).

2 **Circle the correct options to complete the news item. In one case, both options are possible.**

Lisel Heise [1]*worked / had worked* as a teacher all her life and then, in 2019, she [2]*decided / had decided* to become a politician. She [3]*taught / had taught* many of the people in her small town in Germany and so almost everyone [4]*knew / had known* her. She [5]*loved / had loved* her community and [6]*wanted / had wanted* to create opportunities for young people. Her success in the election was helped by the fact that she [7]*kept / had kept* in touch with lots of her students. But the most unusual thing is that she [8]*celebrated / had celebrated* her 100th birthday two months before she [9]*won / had won* the local election!

3 **Complete the paragraph with the simple past, past progressive, or past perfect form of the verbs. In one case, two options are possible.**

The moment I [1]_____ (realize) that I [2]_____ (want) to be more like my sister-in-law is clear in my memory. We [3]_____ (drive) to a wedding about 300 kilometers away. Everybody [4]_____ (feel) stressed because we [5]_____ (set off) late, people [6]_____ (forgot) to bring various things, and we [7]_____ (not / bring) any snacks—the usual family stuff. And everyone [8]_____ (blame) the driver, my sister-in-law. But she [9]_____ (stay) completely calm. She [10]_____ (be) patient with everyone and [11]_____ (not / get) angry. And we [12]_____ (get) there on time!

4 **Complete the conversation with the simple past, past progressive, or past perfect form of these verbs.**

be	invite	join	love	never / live
not / look forward to			need	not / surf
never / try		start		

A: Oriol, when [1]_____ you _____ surfing?

B: Well, I was in the desert. Some friends [2]_____ me to go on vacation with them.

A: But you [3]_____ in the desert, right?

B: No, of course not. But it [4]_____ a great vacation and I [5]_____ going back to work. But suddenly, I [6]_____ to do more with my life. And so, back home, I [7]_____ a surf school and [8]_____ it.

A: [9]_____ you _____ it before?

B: No, because I [10]_____ near the coast. Anyway, now surfing is my life. And it's all thanks to my friends inviting me on that vacation.

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LEARNING TO LEARN: GRAMMAR

Personalizing grammar patterns

One way to remember grammar patterns is to write and learn sentences that are true for you. Then when you need to check your grammar, you have some correct examples you can think of.

1 Look at sentence 1 in Grammar Exercise 1. Write a similar sentence about one of your teachers.

2 Write three more true sentences. Include the simple past, past progressive, and past perfect form.

Pronunciation

Saying words spelled with *ear*

1 p. 31 Check (✓) the sound of *ear* in the words. Is it like *hear* or *heard*?

	hear /ɪr/	heard /ɜːr/
appear		
clear		
early		
earth		
fear		
learn		
near		
search		

2 p. 31 Listen again and repeat the words.

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