Check 6 Present and past tenses

1 Circle the correct answer.

1 Jamie *has* / *'s having* a shower at the moment.
2 *Did you live* / *Were you living* there for a long time?
3 Everybody *parks* / *'s parking* in this street because it's close to the shops.
4 We met each other while we *did* / *were doing* a course in Cardiff.
5 Everything *gets* / *'s getting* much more expensive, especially housing.

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2 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple, past simple or past continuous of the verbs in the box.

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6 He ..... when I asked him his name.
7 At eleven o'clock last night, we ..... for our bus in the rain!
8 Winter ..... a long time in northern countries like Russia and Canada.
9 ..... you ..... that red car over there? It's Paul's. He bought it last week.
10 Kate always ..... me a postcard when she's on holiday.

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3 Complete the letter. Use the present simple, past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

I (11) ..... (leave) university in 2002 and (12) ..... (get) an administrative job in my local hospital. While I (13) ..... (work) there, I (14) ..... (become) very interested in health care, especially nursing. I would like to become a nurse because I (15) ..... (want) to learn how to help people.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word in bold. Use between two and five words.

16 I told Louise everything when we were close friends. **used**
I ..... Louise everything when we were close friends.
17 My mother made fantastic birthday cakes for us when we were children. **would**
My mother ..... fantastic birthday cakes for us when we were children.
18 My new bike felt strange at first, but it soon felt normal. **used**
My new bike felt strange at first, but I soon ..... it.
19 It isn't normal for her to go everywhere by bus. **going**
She isn't ..... everywhere by bus.
20 I didn't like olives at all when I was younger, but I love them now. **use**
I ..... olives at all when I was younger, but I love them now.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Check 7 Present perfect (simple and continuous)

1 Circle the correct answer.

1 I *burnt* / *'ve burnt* these burgers a bit. Do you think they're OK?

2 We haven't bought our tickets for the festival *already* / *yet*.

3 Kelly *works* / *'s worked* here since March.

4 He *'s had* / *'s been having* this computer for three years.

5 They *live* / *'ve lived* in the same house since 1967.

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2 Complete the conversations. Use the present perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

A: Shall we go and see this band?
(6) ..... (you / hear) of them?

B: Yes. Becky (7) ..... (tell) me about them a few weeks ago. I think they're good.

A: I (8) ..... (forget) to ask David for his address last night. Do you think you can remember where his house is?

B: I'll try. I (9) ..... (be) there twice. I (10) ..... (go) there with Rob in the summer.

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3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word in bold. Use between two and five words.

11 It started raining four hours ago and it hasn't stopped yet. **been**
It ..... four hours.

12 This is the first time I've ever driven a van. **never**
I ..... a van before.

13 They moved to Stockport in 2003. **lived**
They ..... 2003.

14 Ben and Mark started working at six and they haven't finished yet. **been**
Ben and Mark ..... six.

15 I met Rob ten years ago. **known**
I ..... ten years.

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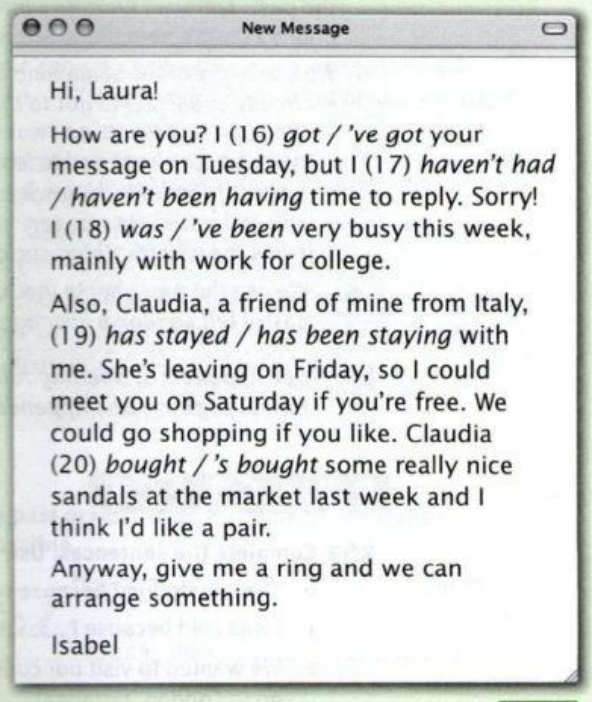
4 Circle the correct answer.



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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Check 8 Narrative tenses

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both are possible.

1 By the time it ..... dark, we ..... a good place to camp. (get, find)

2 When we ..... , Ben ..... . (arrive, already / leave)

3 She ..... after she ..... lunch. (go out, have)

4 As soon as I ..... my work, I ..... very relieved. (finish, feel)

5 She ..... a lot about him before she ..... to his exhibition. (read, go)

6 The plane ..... by the time we ..... to the airport. (take off, get)

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2 Complete the conversations. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

A: Did your performance go well?
B: No, it didn't. We played really badly because we (7) ..... (not practise) enough.

A: Didn't you go to the cinema with Ben and Philip on Friday?
B: No. I (8) ..... (already / see) the film they were going to see.

A: How did you get home last night?
B: Sarah (9) ..... (give) us a lift.

A: Kevin and Mark were really excited because they (10) ..... (never / be) to London before.
B: Yes, I know. Mark told me.

A: I like this photo of you! Is it recent?
B: Yes. Nina (11) ..... (take) it about a month ago.

A: Does Luke live here?
B: No. He (12) ..... (move) to Cambridge in 2005.

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3 Circle the correct answer.

When I opened the front door, I (13) ..... Lucy in the kitchen. She (14) ..... quite loudly. I (15) ..... for a few moments and then I went into the kitchen. Lucy and my mother (16) ..... at the table. My mother (17) ..... a cake and they were eating it. I (18) ..... a glass of water and went to my room. It was a mess. I (19) ..... it at all before I left. I (20) ..... my computer and checked my e-mails.

13	A heard	B was hearing
	C were hearing	D had heard
14	A talked	B was talking
	C had talked	D had talking
15	A listened	B have listened
	C was listening	D had listened
16	A have sat	B was sitting
	C were sitting	D had sat
17	A made	B has made
	C was making	D had made
18	A got	B was getting
	C were getting	D had got
19	A didn't tidy	B wasn't tidying
	C weren't tidying	D hadn't tidied
20	A turned on	B was turning on
	C were turning on	D had turned on

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Check 9 Future forms

1 Complete the conversation. Use *will* or *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

A: I'm sorry you don't feel well.
B: Thanks. I'm sure I (1) ..... (feel) better soon. I've decided to stay in bed today. I (2) ..... (not do) any work on my essay.
A: (3) ..... (you / come) into college tomorrow?
B: I don't know. I haven't decided yet.
A: I could give you a lift if you like.
B: Really? That would be great! I don't think my brother (4) ..... (let) me borrow his car.
A: I (5) ..... (pick) you up at about eight. OK?
B: Yes, lovely! Thank you very much.

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3 Circle the correct answer.

Dear Choir Members,

As you know, the choir we met in France last year (11) *are coming / will have come / were going to come* here in May.

On 25th, 26th and 28th May, they (12) *'ll perform / 're performing / were going to perform* here in Cheltenham. (They (13) *'ll give / 're going to give / were going to give* another concert on the 27th, but we couldn't find a suitable venue, unfortunately.) I'm glad to say that the tickets are going fast and I think we (14) *sell / 're selling / 'll have sold* them all by the end of this week, so if you want some, hurry!

On the 29th, they (15) *go / 'll go / 're going* sightseeing in Stratford. I (16) *'ll book / 'm going to book / 'll have booked* the coaches for this trip next week, so please phone me this week if you want a place. The cost is £15 per person and the coaches (17) *leave / are leaving / are going to leave* the bus station at 8.30 a.m. I (18) *won't be / won't have been / 'm not being* here on Thursday between eight and ten – I (19) *'m going to rehearse / 'll rehearse / 'll be rehearsing* in London – but you can leave a message on the answerphone.

I don't know yet about the party on the 30th. I (20) *'ll start / was going to start / 'll have started* organising it last week, but I didn't have time. I'll give you the details as soon as I can.

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