

## 1a Choose the correct tense to complete the sentences.

- More and more people *are becoming* / *become* vegetarians.
- A: What's that? B: It's Mateo. He *bought* / *buys* a new car.
- They *know* / *have known* each other for a long time.
- I *often meet* / *I'm meeting* my friends on Saturday evenings.
- She's *staying* / *she stays* with her parents until she finds a new apartment.
- Maria *is always being* / *is always* a very reliable person.
- It *rains* / *it's raining* again—we can't go to the park.
- I *learn* / *I'm learning* French at the moment.

## 1b Match the sentences from Exercise 1a (1–8) with the uses (a–h).

- \_\_\_ a fact
- \_\_\_ b routine
- \_\_\_ c something happening at the time of speaking
- \_\_\_ d something happening around the time of speaking
- \_\_\_ e changing situation
- \_\_\_ f temporary situation
- \_\_\_ g past event with relevance in the present
- \_\_\_ h past event that continues in the present

## 2 Complete the conversation with the present simple, present continuous, or present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses. Sometimes more than one form is possible.

- A: You <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late!  
 B: I know, sorry! I was talking to Pietro.  
 A: Oh, how is he?  
 B: He's looking very fit. But I'm not surprised—he <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the gym every day after work.  
 A: I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) him for a long time. Does he still work in his father's store?  
 B: Yes, but he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) working there. In fact, he <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for another job. He wants to go and live abroad.  
 A: Really? I know a lot of people who <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) abroad recently.  
 B: Me too.  
 A: Anyway, I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really hungry. Shall we order something to eat?  
 B: Yes, of course. Oh sorry, my phone <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ring). It might be important, I have to answer it. Sorry!

## 3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect, simple or continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus for over an hour!
- A: Is that a new jacket? B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) it for three years now.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Japan five times.
- A: Why are you so red? B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) outside in the sun all morning.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ (they / be) married?
- My eyes hurt. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the computer screen for too long.
- A: Do you want to watch the new *Spider-Man* movie? B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) it already.

## 4 Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- I lived there *since 2015* / *from 2012 to 2014*.
- She's eaten out twice *this week* / *last week*.
- We met *in* / *since* 1998.
- I've been feeling sick *a few days ago* / *for a few days*.
- I've had this watch *since* / *when* I was a teenager.
- We've become better friends over *the last few months* / *a few months ago*.
- They've been living in the same house *since* / *for* 20 years.

## 5 Complete the emails with the appropriate form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the past simple, present perfect simple, or present perfect continuous.

Dear Jeanne,  
 My mom and I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) a lot recently and it's making me really sad. She says I don't help her enough around the house. She comes home late from work and starts complaining because the house is a mess. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) telling her that that I'm tired and too busy with school work, but she won't listen to me. She just doesn't care. Our last argument <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) three days ago and we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to each other since then! I feel really stressed. What can I do?  
 Chiara

Dear Chiara,  
 I'm sorry to hear about your problems. In my opinion, nowadays, many parents <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) too much from their children. I think, in the past, young people <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) less pressure on them from school. But your mom is also probably very tired because she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) all day. Maybe you can help her clean up over the weekend when you have time? This might be a good solution for both of you.  
 Jeanne

- 1a Put the sentences in the correct order (1–9) to make a story.

- When she arrived at the restaurant, she realized that she'd left her purse at home.
- Ann had completely forgotten about the dinner party, and now she was late!
- In the end, she had a great evening, and the best thing was she didn't have to pay for anything!
- After paying the taxi driver, she joined her friends, who were all really hungry.
- Ann was sitting at home when she received a message on her phone.
- So she ran inside the restaurant and asked her friends for some money.
- She decided to get a taxi to the restaurant.
- They'd been waiting for a long time for her to arrive!
- It was from her best friend and it was about the dinner party that evening.

- 1b Match the underlined verbs from Exercise 1a with the uses (a–e).

- a a main event in the story:
- b something that happened before the main events in the story:
- c an activity in progress in the past—background to the main story:
- d an activity in progress up to a main event in the past:
- e one event in the story that happened before another event in the story:

- 2 Complete the sentences with the past perfect continuous. Use the parts in italics.

- 1 The roads were really wet because ... *it / rain / all night.*
- 2 André couldn't concentrate because ... *he / not sleep / well.*
- 3 Before the train arrived, ... *we / not wait / for long.*
- 4 I decided to take a break because ... *I / study hard / all morning.*
- 5 Before you found this job, ... *you / looking for one / for a long time?*
- 6 He was very happy with his result, because ... *he / try to pass the exam / for years.*
- 7 I had a sore throat because ... *I / sing / all morning.*
- 8 Before Maria was promoted, ... *she / work at the company / for a long time?*

- 3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

One day, Adele Geraghty <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a newspaper when she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an advertisement for a poetry competition. She <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to email some of her work. Soon after, she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) a reply from a college professor named Phil. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) similar messages and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand; why). Adele found out that the newspaper <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (print) Phil's email address by mistake, instead of the email for the poetry competition, so she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (write) to Phil to tell him. Adele and Phil felt an instant connection and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) a strong friendship, even though Adele was in the U.S., and Phil was 3,000 miles away in the U.K. They met for the first time exactly one year after they <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (send) their first messages, and five years after that, they got married.

- 4 Rewrite the sentences (or parts of sentences) in italics using the passive.

- 1 The first book printed in English was a collection of stories about the Trojan Wars, printed in 1473. *You can see it in the British Library in London.*
- 2 One of the most popular songs in 2022 was "Bad Habits." *Ed Sheeran wrote and performed it.*
- 3 The Olympic Games take place every four years. *In 2028, they will hold them in Los Angeles, U.S.*
- 4 In 2006, Edward Munch's famous painting *The Scream* was found. *Two years earlier, a group of thieves stole it from a gallery in Oslo.*

- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 I read stories to my children every night. They love \_\_\_\_\_ (read) to.
- 2 TikTok \_\_\_\_\_ (download) over 4 billion times since it was created.
- 3 I tried to get the book from the library, but it \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (check out).
- 4 Larger cities can \_\_\_\_\_ (see) easily from the International Space Station.