

**NOSTALGIA IS LIKE A
GRAMMAR LESSON:
YOU FIND THE
PRESENT TENSE, BUT
THE PAST PERFECT!**

**if you can't win an
argument, correct
their grammar instead.**

12 VERB TENSES

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Tenses of the English verb

Past

Present

Future

- Simple
- Progressive
- Perfect
- Perfect Progressive

Exercise 1

Put the verbs into the correct form of Past Simple, Past Perfect or Past Continuous

- 1) When he (to leave) the house, Peter (to forget) that he (to put) his passport and wallet in his other jacket.
- 2) A few days before leaving for his summer holiday, Peter (to phone) the airport to check his flight.
- 3) While Peter (to pack) his suitcase, he (to realize) that he (not to check) his flight.
- 4) While Peter (to pack) his suitcase, the phone (to ring).
- 5) I suddenly (to remember) that I (to forget)_my keys.
- 6) While Diana (to watch) her favorite program, there was a power-cut.
- 7) Who (to drive) the car at the time of the accident?
- 8) By the time Sheila got back, Chris (to go).
- 9) David (to eat) Japanese food before, so he knew what to order.
- 10) I (to do) some shopping yesterday, when I saw that friend of yours.
- 11) What exactly (to do) you when I came into your office yesterday?
- 12) While I (to try) to get my car started, a passing car (to stop) and the driver (to offer) to help me.

- 13) The police (to pay) no attention to Clare's complaint because she (to phone) them so many times before.
- 14) Mary (not wear) her glasses at the time, so she (not notice) what kind of car the man (to drive).
- 15) Tony (to admit) that he (to hit) the other car, but said that he (not damage) it.

Exercise 2

Correct the mistakes in the sentences

- 1) Sorry, I didn't listen to you. I had thought about something else.
- 2) Helen feel very tired, and when she will finishes her work, she will sleep.
- 3) The police gotten to Clare's house as fast as they could, but the burglars disappeared.
- 4) I phone you last night but you not answered. What was you doing ?
- 5) We not went out yesterday because it rained.
- 6) I was seeing you yesterday when you went home.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer

- 1) _____ my bag anywhere? I can't find it. a) Did you see b) Have you seen
- 2) Larry _____ his novel for the last two years. a) is writing b) has been writing c) has written
- 3) From the minute he got up this morning Gary _____ silly questions! a) asked b) has asked c) has been asking
- 4) Sorry, could you say that again? I _____ to you. a) didn't listen b) haven't listened c) wasn't listening
- 5) The police think that they _____ your wallet, so call this number. a) found b) have found
- 6) _____ my sister before? a) Did you meet b) Have you met
- 7) See you in the morning _____ now. a) I leave b) I'm leaving
- 8) What _____ this evening? I'm really hungry! a) do we eat b) are we eating
- 9) Chemistry is hard. I _____. a) don't understand it b) am not understanding
- 10) How _____ yesterday afternoon? a) did you felt b) did you feel
- 11) Don't worry about the cat. It _____ once a day. A) is eating b) eats c) eat
- 12) I can't work out the answer. _____ what it is? A) Are you knowing b) Do you know

Exercise 4

Describe the pictures using the tenses in brackets



(Present Perfect Continuous)

(Present Simple)



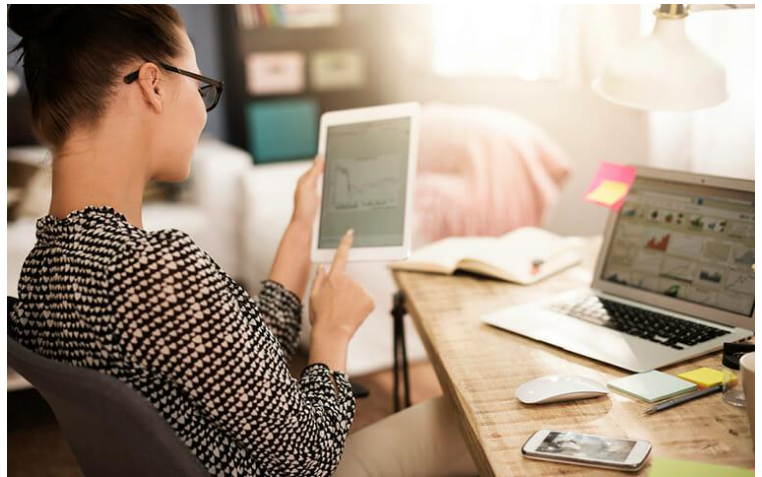


(Past Simple+Past Perfect)



(Past Continuous)

(Present Perfect)



(Future Continuous)