

perfect tenses

1. Choose the correct form of the words in brackets:

- Bart (**went** / has gone) to Asturias on holiday last month.
- How many cokes (did you drink / have you drunk) today?
- Ben (lives / has lived / lived) in Manchester since 1997.
- I'm tired because I (painted / have painted / have been painting) my flat.
- Paul (just got / has just got / has just been getting) up. He's having breakfast now.
- Mike (phoned / has phoned) ten minutes ago. He wants you to phone him.

2. Complete the sentences with the **Past Perfect** form of these verbs:

- You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there. (she / go / out)
She had gone out.
- You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before. (it / change / a lot)

c. I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come. (she / arrange / to do something else)

d. You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late. (the film / already / begin)

e. It was nice to see Dan again after such a long time. (I / not / see / him for five years)

f. I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry. (she / just / have / breakfast)

3. Put the verb into the correct form, **past perfect** (I had done) or **past simple** (I did):

- "Was Paul at the party when you arrived?" "No, he **had gone** (go) home."
- I felt very tired when I got home, so I _____ (go) straight to bed.
- The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody _____ (go) to bed.
- Sorry I'm late. The car _____ (break) down on my way here.
- We were driving along the road when we _____ (see) a car which _____ (break) down, so we _____ (stop) to help.
- John was really glad that he _____ (pass) all his exams and would have the summer free.
- When her mother started crying, Susie _____ (say) she was sorry.
- Jennifer had her first baby when she was thirty but she _____ (be) married since she was twenty-four.

4. Write the correct form of the words in brackets. Use the **Present Perfect Simple** or **Past Perfect Simple** form of the verb:

- a. Who **has taken** (take) my roller skates? They aren't here.
- b. They _____ (have) breakfast before they left their house, so they weren't hungry when they arrived.
- c. When we got to the cinema, the film _____ (start)
- d. _____ (you see) Pamela? She's dancing at Central Square!
- e. His exhibition photographs _____ (surprise) me.
- f. I hardly recognised May. I _____ (not see) her for such a long time.
- g. I'd like to visit Jimmy this weekend. He _____ (not be) well recently.
- h. Fortunately, we _____ (not go) far when we realised that we _____ (forget) our plane tickets.

5. Complete the sentences with the **Present Perfect Continuous** or **Past Perfect Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets:

- a. When my parents decided to come home, ... (they / travel for a fortnight)
they had been travelling for a fortnight.

b. My hair was wet because...(I / swim)

c. His eyes hurt him because... (he / sit in front of the computer for hours)

d. I am tired because ... (I / jog for the last thirty minutes)

e. Vanessa speaks English very well because ... (she / study all her life)

f. When I arrived, ... (the customer / wait for forty five minutes)

g. There is water all around because... (it / rain for the last days)

6. Make sentences from the words in brackets. Put the verb into the correct form: **present perfect** (I have done), **present perfect continuous** (I have been doing), **past perfect** (I had done) or **past perfect continuous** (I had been doing).

a. Amanda is sitting on the ground. She's out of breath.

(she / run) **She has been running.**

b. Where's my bag? I left it under this chair.

(somebody / take / it) _____

- c. We were all surprised when Jenny and Andy got married last year.
(they / only / know / each other / a few weeks) _____
- d. It's still raining. I wish it would stop.
(it / rain / all day) _____
- e. Suddenly I woke up. I was confused and didn't know where I was.
(I / dream) _____
- f. I wasn't hungry at lunchtime, so I didn't have anything to eat.
(I / have / a big breakfast) _____
- g. Every year Robert and Tina spend a few days at the same hotel by the sea.
(they / go / there for years) _____