

# Mixed English Tenses

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## Test 3 Past tenses, present perfect, past perfect

### Exercise 1:

30 points

*Choose the correct tenses.*

..... Frank in Toronto?

- a) Did you meet b) Have you met c) Were you meeting

He had a break after he ..... for two hours.

- a) was walking b) had been walking c) has walked

I ..... her for a long time.

- a) know b) have known c) have been knowing

We ..... the windows and the car on Saturday morning.

- a) were cleaning b) cleaned c) have been cleaning

I ..... in York for a week in 1998.

- a) worked b) have been working c) have worked

I ..... you in your office with a girl!

Really? We .....

- a) saw - 've just talked b) 've seen - just talked c) saw - were just talking

How many cupboards ..... since yesterday?

- a) did they move b) have they moved c) have they been moving

As he ..... a bike, a dog ..... him.

- a) was riding - bit b) rode - bit c) was riding - has bitten

When the dog ..... him, he ..... his bike.

- a) was biting - fell off b) bit - was falling off c) bit - fell off

I didn't notice that you .....

- a) had come b) came c) have been coming

I can't stand it anymore. I ..... the furniture since breakfast.

- a) am polishing b) have been polishing c) have polished

..... the dishes yet?

- a) Has he washed b) Has he been washing c) Did he wash

They ..... a hotel in York, but then

they .....

- a) have bought - sold b) bought - have sold c) bought - sold

She couldn't play yesterday because she .....

..... her ankle the day before.

- a) have sprained b) sprained c) had sprained

I can't find Todd. Where is he? - He .....

..... in the garage.

- a) 's been working b) worked c) was working

She ..... books on the shelves all day. That's why she is so exhausted.

- a) was putting b) has put c) has been putting

The sun ..... and we ..... on the white sand.

- a) shone - were lying b) was shining - were lying c) shined - lay

You ..... at last! Where .....

..... so long?

- a) arrived - have you been b) have arrived - have you been c) arrived - were you

I was so relaxed because I ..... anything all day.

- a) have not been doing b) didn't do c) had not been doing

What's your teaching experience? .....

..... anyone?

- a) Have you ever taught b) Did you ever teach c) Have you ever been teaching

She's hurt her arm. - When ..... it?

- a) has she hurt b) has she hurted c) did she hurt

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Where is Mum? - She .....  
the shopping all the morning.

a) has done b) has been doing c) was doing

At 9.30 I ..... a documentary on TV.

It ..... at 9.20.

a) was watching - had started b) watched - has started c) watched - started

## **Exercise 2:** 30 points

*Use past tenses, present perfect or past perfect tenses to complete these sentences.*

We ..... in Bristol from January to March. (stay)

Where is my wine? Someone ..... my wine! (drink)

When you ..... , ..... you ..... fast? (crash, drive)

I'm sorry. Dad isn't here. He ..... our neighbour's flat since the morning. (decorate)

What a nice coat! Where ..... you ..... it? (buy)

At 6 o'clock he ..... there for three hours! (sit)

I want to learn French. But I ..... yet. (not start)

We didn't want to spend our holiday in Strobl because ..... already ..... there. (be)

What ..... you ..... ? You are so dirty! (do)

Oh, no! I ..... my way. What shall I do? (lose)

Jim ..... the dishes after dinner. The kitchen sink is full of plates. (not wash)

She ..... three clients since the morning. (contact)

I couldn't help you. I ..... your problems. (not understand)

Does he know about it? ..... you ..... him yet? (tell)

Bill admitted that he ..... the catalogue to the agency. (not send)  
As soon as I ..... the message,

I ..... my house. (get, leave)

While Maggie ..... a new jumper,

Jill and I ..... (knit, read)

Here he is! He ..... for me all the time, he ..... for Ann! (not look, wait)

..... you in your room at 5.30? - Yes,

I think I ..... my suitcase. (be, pack)

Nice to meet you! I ..... you for

10 years. What ..... you ..... all this time? (not see, do)

He ..... , but he'll be back home

today. The doctors ..... to cure him. (die, manage)

After we ..... to the top of the hill we had a great view of the bay. (climb)

The pigeon finally delivered the news after it ..... for the whole day. (fly)

TOTAL 60 points