

1. Choose the most suitable words underlined.

1) When you passed the town hall clock, did you notice/were you noticing what time it was? 2) Last night my neighbours were shouting/would shout for hours and I couldn't get to sleep. 3) When you lived in London, did you use to travel/were you travelling by bus? 4) They were having a good time, although not many people danced/were dancing. 5) - Excuse me, but this seat is mine. - I'm sorry, I didn't realise/hadn't realised that you were sitting here. 6) Jill didn't eat/hadn't eaten all day, so she was really hungry at this point. 7) - Paul has forgotten to book the tickets I'm afraid. - He was always doing/would do something like that! 8) It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone stared/was staring at me. What had I done wrong? 9) Nobody bothered to tell me that the school decided/had decided to have a special holiday that Friday. 10) I was trying/tried to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?

2. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable tense. All sentences refer to past time.

1) I realised that someone (steal) my wallet when I (feel) their hand in my jacket pocket. 2) When I (phone) Helen last night she (wash) her hair and she (not finish) when I finally..... (get to) her house. 3) Peter (offer) me another drink but I decided I (drink) enough. 4) Nobody (watch), so the little boy (take) the packet of sweets from the shelf and (put) it in his pocket. 5) I (not realise) that I (leave) my umbrella on the bus until it (start) to rain. 6) At school I (dislike) the maths teacher because he(always pick) on me. 7) Wherever Marion (find) a job, there was someone who (know) that she (go) to prison. 8) It was only much later I (find out) that during all the time I (write) to my penfriend, my mother (open) and reading the replies! 9) I (not understand) what (go on). Several people (shout) at me, and one (wave) a newspaper in front of my face. 10) I (know) I (do) well in my exams even before I (receive) the official results.

3. Choose the correct tense (simple past or past perfect).

When I (1 *go*) to Paris last spring for a job interview, I (2 *not be*) there for five years. I (3 *arrive*) the evening before the interview, and (4 *spend*) a happy hour walking round thinking about the good times I (5 *have*) there as a student.

As I was strolling by the Seine, I suddenly (6 *see*) a familiar face - it was Nedma, the woman I (7 *share*) a flat with when I was a student, and whose address I (8 *lose*) after leaving Paris. I could tell she (9 *not see*) me, so I (10 *call*) her name and she (11 *look*) up. As she (12 *turn*) towards me, I (13 *realise*) that she (14 *have*) an ugly scar on the side of her face. She (15 *see*) the shock in my eyes, and her hand (16 *go*) up to touch the scar; she (17 *explain*) that she (18 *get*) it when she was a journalist reporting on a war in Africa.

She (19 *not be*) uncomfortable telling me this: we (20 *feel*) as if the years (21 *not pass*), as if we (22 *say*) goodbye the week before. She (23 *arrive*) in Paris that morning, and she (24 *have*) a hospital appointment the next day. The doctors (25 *think*) that they could remove the scar, but she would have to stay in Paris for several months. Both of us (26 *have*) the idea at the same time: if I (27 *get*) the job, we could share a flat again. And we could start by having a coffee while we (28 *begin*) to tell one another everything that (29 *happen*) to us in the past five years.

4. Use *when* or *after* to make one sentence for each situation.

1 I wrote to my boyfriend. Then I watched television for an hour or so. 2 Everybody had a chance to say what they thought. Then we took a vote. 3 I posted the letter. Then I felt much better about everything. 4 She stopped trying to lose weight. She looked much healthier. 5 He bought presents for everyone in his family. Then he bought something for himself as well.

5. Complete the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use *Past Simple*, *Past Continuous*, *Past Perfect* or *used to*.

I don't exactly remember when it¹ happened (happen) but I think I² _____ (still/attend) my final year of school. One night I³ _____ (have) a terrible dream and I⁴ _____ (wake up) sweating and trembling in my bed. The dream was about a man (I can clearly remember his wrinkled face), who⁵ _____ (chase) me because he was sure that I⁶ _____ (steal) his wallet. In my dream I tried to explain to the furious man what⁷ _____ (happen) to his wallet but he⁸ _____ (not listen). It was a real nightmare! I don't have dreams like that any more but the strangest thing about it all is that for many years I⁹ _____ (dream) about that wrinkled man every time I¹⁰ _____ (do) something wrong.

6. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past tense.

This time last year I (1) (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine. We (2)..... (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (3)..... (go) to France before, but we (4)..... (know) some French from our time at school and we (5)..... (manage) to brush up on the basics. Now we (6)..... (wonder) if we (7)..... (make) the right decision. We (8)..... (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (9)..... (forget) one important thing, the weather. It (10)..... (rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (11)..... (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (12)..... (ride) down a steep hill my bike (13)..... (skid) on the wet road and I (14)..... (fall off). I (15)..... (realise) immediately that I (16)..... (break) my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I (17)..... (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home. Unfortunately my parents (18)..... (not expect) me home for a fortnight, and (19)..... (go) away on holiday. So I (20)..... (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading *Teach Yourself French*.