

Unit 8

8.1

The most likely verbs and tenses are given.

- 2 got/arrived
- 3 feel/am feeling
- 4 go
- 5 know
- 6 spent
- 7 wrote
- 8 were waiting
- 9 got
- 10 felt/was feeling
- 11 got
- 12 enjoy/are enjoying
- 13 is looking
- 14 seems
- 15 doesn't get on/isn't getting on
- 16 complain/are constantly complaining (note word order)
- 17 is starting
- 18 asked
- 19 am looking
- 20 hear/heard

8.2

The most likely tenses are given.

- 2 said ('has said' is also possible, but less likely here)
- 3 heard/had heard
- 4 returned/had returned
- 5 came/had come
- 6 was/had been
- 7 left
- 8 appointed
- 9 finished
- 10 have won
- 11 accused
- 12 has disappointed
- 13 has spent

8.3

- 1 'Has he had' or 'Has he been having' are more likely here
- 2 ok
- 3 thought/had thought
- 4 has worked/has been working
- 5 had been trying
- 6 did you go
- 7 heard
- 8 ok ('went' is also possible)
- 9 ok ('checked' is also possible)
- 10 have said/said

- 11 ok ('have given' is also possible)
- 12 have told ('told' is also possible)

Additional exercises

- 1
- 1 b 'm not promising/don't promise/didn't promise
- 2 a was reading/read b read
- 3 a were expecting/expected b are expecting/expect
- 4 a owns (or 'own') b owned/owns
- 5 a 'm considering/was considering/considered b consider
- 6 a tells/told b tell/told
- 7 a phoned b was phoning/phoned
- 8 a 's always putting/puts b 's constantly putting/puts
- 9 a prefer b preferred
- 10 a weighs b was weighing

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- 1 a + i or ii b + ii
- 2 a + ii b + i
- 3 a + i or ii b + i
- 4 a + ii b + i
- 5 a + i or ii b + ii
- 6 a + i b + ii
- 7 a + i b + ii
- 8 a + ii b + i (b + ii is also correct grammatically, but it is unlikely to be used; it suggests that it is difficult to get good pasta in Italy, which is of course not the case!)

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- 1 'had discussed' is also possible, but less likely as the duration of the discussions is emphasised
- 2 His condition **had improved** considerably when I saw him in hospital last night. ('improved' would be unlikely as it would suggest that his condition improved *because* I saw him last night)
- 3 It was announced that the York train **had been delayed** by 10 minutes. ('was delayed' is also possible with similar meaning)
- 4 Joe **had been dieting** for a month when he came to stay with us, and we noticed immediately that he had already lost a lot of weight.
- 5 Sylvia **had been expected to win** comfortably, but she finished only third. ('was expected' is also possible with similar meaning)
- 6 When I reversed the car from the garage, I **damaged** the rear number plate.
- 7 John **was promoted** last week.
- 8 The tax authorities **had been investigating** Rentpool for a number of months when they arrested the chairman. ('had investigated' is also possible, but less likely as the duration of the investigation is emphasised)
- 9 The minister **angered** her colleagues when she criticised them during her speech yesterday.
- 10 Christine **had already suggested** that the money should be spent on new textbooks for the school.

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- A 1 ok 2 I'll (= 'I will' or 'I shall')
- B 1 I'm going to build or I'm building 2 I'll give
- C Will or Are going to be able to or Are you able to 2 're going to have or 're having
3 I'll 4 ok
- D 1 is going (more likely than 'is going to go') 2 isn't coming or isn't going to come or
won't come 3 'll see or 're going to see 4 ok
- E 1 'm taking or 'm going to take or 'll take 2 ok 3 more likely is 'It's at 4.15' as
this is part of a timetable 4 'll take 5 'we're going to have' is more likely 6 'I'll
stay' is more likely if the decision is made at the moment of speaking