

GRAMMAR : REVIEW OF TENSES

IDENTIFYING TENSES – GENERAL ENGLISH

⇒ **TASK** Write in the correct verb form, using the verb in bold.

walk

- A Our baby Jack _____ now. He's just twelve months old.
B How did you get here?
We _____. It didn't take long.
C After ten miles I had to stop for a rest. We _____ non-stop for four hours.

take

- D My dog looked guilty. He _____ some food from the kitchen table.
E It was a hard match. At half-time, one of the footballers _____ to hospital.
F This shirt is £45, sir.
That's fine. I _____ it.

have

- G I think we should buy a new car.
We _____ this one for ages.
H Don't phone at 8:00 this evening. We _____ dinner then.
I We _____ a lovely picnic until my wife was stung by a bee.

make

- J This is a great sandwich shop. Everything _____ freshly _____.
K By the time I'm forty I _____ enough money to retire.
L Have you heard about Lenny? He _____ redundant.

wash

- M Where are my jeans? They _____ at the moment. Sorry.
N My favourite white T-shirt went pink. It _____ with my daughter's red sweater.
O Why are you all wet? I _____ the car.

sell

- P I wish I'd bought that antique chair I saw in the shop window. It _____ by now.
Q My sister earns a good salary. She _____ life insurance policies.
R If no one offers to buy the house, it _____ by auction next month.

teach

- S At the end of this term I _____ for six years.
T The soldiers _____ how to use grenades when unfortunately one blew up and injured one of them.

PAST SIMPLE vs. PAST PERFECT, irregular verbs

⇒ **TASK** Complete the sentences with the verb in bold in either the Past Simple or the Past Perfect. All the verbs are irregular.

FALL

- A Harry _____ in love with a beautiful Greek girl while he was working in Athens.

B At last there was silence from the back of the car. All the children _____ asleep.

FEEL

A She told me that she _____ sick with nerves before making that speech.

B Tom _____ really sorry for himself. Not only had his girlfriend gone off with his best friend, but he didn't get the promotion he wanted.

HAVE

A It was clear from the tense atmosphere that Susie and Gary _____ yet another row.

B We _____ breakfast on the veranda every morning whilst we were staying in Venice.

TEAR

A Camilla _____ his letter into tiny pieces and threw it onto the fire.

B Johny's mother asked him how he _____ his trousers.

COST

A I didn't ask the price of Ted's new car, but I knew it _____ a fortune.

B It _____ more to have our word processor fixed than to buy a new one.

FLY

A My father _____ into a temper when he heard I'd failed my exams.

B I went to visit my brother in Australia. I was nervous because I _____ (never) before.

CATCH

A We _____ a taxi outside the restaurant, and it took us to our hotel.

B She wondered how she _____ a cold in the middle of the summer.

BE

A They _____ held hostage for over six weeks when they finally escaped.

B Talks _____ held in New York last week to discuss global warming.

Past simple X past perfect – KEY

FALL

A fell

B had fallen

FEEL

A had felt

B felt

HAVE

A had had

B had

TEAR

A tore
B had torn

COST

A had cost
B cost

FLY

A flew
B had never flown

CATCH

A caught / had caught
B had caught

BE

A had been held
B were