

Assignment 2 – Past simple/continuous/perfect/perfect continuous and Present perfect/perfect continuous

Exercise 1

1. It is already 9:30 PM and I (wait) _____ here for over an hour. If John does not get here in the next five minutes, I am going to leave.
2. I was really angry at John yesterday. By the time he finally arrived, I (wait) _____ for over an hour. I almost left without him.
3. Did you hear that Ben was fired last month? He (work) _____ for that import company for more than ten years and he (work) _____ in almost every department. Nobody knew the company like he did.
4. I (see) _____ many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt. Pictures of the monuments are very misleading. The pyramids are actually quite small.
5. Sarah (climb) _____ the Matterhorn, (sail) _____ around the world, and (go) _____ on safari in Kenya. She is such an adventurous person.
6. Sarah (climb) _____ the Matterhorn, (sail) _____ around the world and (go) _____ on safari in Kenya by the time she turned twenty-five. She (experience) more by that age than most people do in their entire lives.
7. When Melanie came into the office yesterday, her eyes were red and watery. I think she (cry) _____.

Exercise 2

My English is really getting better. I (try) _____ to learn the language since 2010, but only recently have I been able to make some real progress. By the time I started high school in 2013, I (study) _____ the language for almost three years; however, I was only able to introduce myself and utter a few memorized sentences. For a couple more years, I (struggle) _____ through grammar and vocabulary lessons, which made absolutely no difference. Nothing worked, so I decided to study abroad.

I found an exchange program in England that sounded like the perfect answer. I (stay) _____ with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I (sit) _____ there the whole time staring at the host mother and father hoping that there would be some breakthrough. Nothing.

When I returned, I mentioned to a friend that I (have) _____ problems with the language for years. He recommended that I spend a year in an English speaking country. I decided to go abroad again. I (research) _____ exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.

Well, it worked. I (live) _____ and (study) in the U.S. for more than two years. I (stay) _____ here for at least another year before I return home. By then, I should be completely fluent.

Complete the sentences:

If we meet at 9:30, we _____ (to have) plenty of time.

Lisa would find the milk if she _____ (to look) in the fridge.

The zookeeper would have punished her if she _____ (to feed) the animals.

If you spoke louder, your classmates _____ (to understand) you.

Dan _____ (to arrive) safe if he drove slowly.

You _____ (to have) no trouble at school if you had done your homework.

If you _____ (to swim) in this lake, you'll shiver from cold.

The door will unlock if you _____ (to press) the green button.

If Mel (to ask) her teacher, he'd have answered her questions.

I (to call) the office if I was/were you.

If they (to listen) carefully, they might hear the woodpecker.

If I had lain down on the sofa, I (to fall) asleep.

Susan could have worked as a model if she (to be) taller.

The soil (not/to dry out) if you water the plants regularly.

If you (to give) the young boy this stick, he'd hurt himself.

We (not/to take) the wrong tram if Ronaldo had asked the policewoman.

If the cat hides in the tree, the dog (not/to find) it.

The students would have solved the problem if they (to use) their textbooks.