

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) have been waiting 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) had been waiting for over an hour. I almost left without him.

3. Did you hear that Ben was fired last month? He (work) had been working for that import company for more than ten years and he (work) had worked in almost every department. Nobody knew the company like he did.

4. I (see) had seen 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) has climbed the Matterhorn, (sail) has sailed around the world, and (go) has gone on safari in Kenya. She is such an adventurous person.

6. Sarah (climb) had climbed the Matterhorn, (sail) had sailed around the world and (go) had gone on safari in Kenya by the time she turned twenty-five. She had experienced (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 had been crying (cry).

Exercise 2

My English is really getting better. I (try) have been trying 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) had been studying 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) struggled/was struggling 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) stayed/was staying with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I (sit) sat/ was sitting 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) had been having/had had 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) was researching exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.

Well, it worked. I (live) have been living and (study) studying/have been studying in the U.S. for more than two years. I (stay) am staying 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 will have (to have) plenty of time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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