

Tenses (practice)

1 Complete the sentences with the correct verb forms (present tenses)

- 1 Water _____ at 100°C. (boil)
- 2 Well, good night, _____ to bed. (I/go)
- 3 _____ here in summer? Not very often. (it/rain)
- 4 _____ golf? Yes, but not very well. (you/play)
- 5 Where _____ these days? In a garage. (she/work)

2 Simple past or past progressive? Underline the correct tense.

- 1 When I saw John, he **was playing / played** tennis.
- 2 I **lived / was living** in France for eight years
- 3 Sue **lived / was living** in Poland when her uncle died.
- 4 At 6.15, when you phoned, I **had / was having** a shower.
- 5 We **watched / were watching** TV all evening.
- 6 Bill **watched / was watching** TV when Ann came in.
- 7 My father **worked / was working** hard all his life.
- 8 They got married while they **studied / were studying** at London University.
- 9 Yesterday we **drove / were driving** from Oxford to Edinburgh and back.
- 10 It was a nice evening, so she **walked / was walking** home from work.

3 Chose the correct answer (the correct tense).

I **know / have known** Adrian for a very long time – we **are / have been** friends since our first day at school, thirty years **ago / before / since**. He **came / has come** round to see me last night to ask for my advice. His company **did / has been doing** very well for the last few years, and they **opened / have opened** several new offices. They **just asked / have just asked** Adrian to move to Scotland, to run an office there. He **didn't decide / hasn't decided** what to do yet. He doesn't really want to move: he **never lived / has never lived** outside Manchester, and he **bought / has bought** a new house there last year. But the new job would be interesting, and very well paid.

Answers

1 boils, I'm going, Does it rain, Do you play, is she working

2 was playing, lived, was living, was having, watched, was watching, worked, were studying, drove, walked

3 have known, have been, ago, came, has been doing, have opened, have just asked, hasn't decided, has never lived, bought