

Additional exercises

Present and past; simple and continuous tenses

Units 1, 2 & 4

- 1 Complete the sentences with an appropriate positive or negative form of one of these verbs, using the same verb in each pair of sentences. Choose from the *present simple*, *present continuous*, *past simple* or *past continuous*. Give all possible answers. Use \wedge to add any words outside the space.
- consider expect own phone prefer ~~promise~~ put read tell weigh
- 1 a If I'm not too busy, I promise to help you in the garden later today.
b I'll try to get over on Saturday, but I to be there.
- 2 a I made a cup of coffee while she the letter.
b As soon as the teacher told us to start, I through all the questions quickly.
- 3 a They to reach the top of the mountain by evening, but the weather was too bad.
b We Jean to visit us in June if she can get a cheap flight.
- 4 a Over half the population now a mobile phone.
b I grew up in Newport, where my father a bookshop.
- 5 a I selling my house and buying a flat.
b Many people her to be the finest violinist in the country at the moment.
- 6 a Jack me that you're getting married. Congratulations!
b Apparently Carol is seriously ill. They me that she never leaves her house now.
- 7 a I the theatre four times this morning, but there was no answer.
b I my mother twice a day when my father was in hospital.
- 8 a He always his feet up on the chairs. It's really unhygienic.
b I find it very annoying that she constantly empty milk cartons back in the fridge.
- 9 a A survey has found that, surprisingly, most children to walk to school than be taken by car.
b I swam across the river, but my friends to walk all the way to the nearest bridge.
- 10 a Jim over 100 kilos and really needs to take more exercise.
b He held the fish in his hands as if he it and then said, "It's about 3.5 kilos."

Present perfect, past simple, and present perfect continuous

Units 3 & 6

2 Match the beginnings and endings. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

1 a I haven't had time to phone Tony today, b I didn't have time to phone Tony today,	(i) but I'll certainly contact him before I leave work. (ii) but I'll certainly contact him some time tomorrow.
2 a When she was prime minister, Mrs Nathan b Since she became prime minister, Mrs Nathan	(i) has often been accused of ignoring the advice of her colleagues. (ii) was often accused of ignoring the advice of her colleagues.
3 a I've watched <i>The Sound of Music</i> b I've been watching <i>The Sound of Music</i>	(i) and now I keep humming the songs to myself. (ii) at least ten times already.
4 a I'd always wanted to own a Porsche b I won't know if I can afford a Porsche	(i) until I've found out how much they cost. (ii) until I found out how much they cost.
5 a Unemployment has risen b Unemployment has been rising	(i) by 58% since the present government came to power. (ii) ever since the present government came to power.
6 a As soon as I've finished the book b As soon as I finished the book	(i) I'm going to have a holiday. (ii) I started writing another one.
7 a I've been playing squash b I've played squash	(i) since my doctor advised me to lose weight. (ii) a couple of times before, but I can't get the hang of it.
8 a I haven't been back to London b I haven't eaten really good pasta	(i) since I lived in Italy. (ii) since I've lived in Italy.

Past perfect, past perfect continuous, and past simple

Units 5 & 7

3 Complete each sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the one given. Use a verb related to the word in *italics* with an appropriate tense (active or passive): *past perfect*, *past perfect continuous* or *past simple*. Give alternatives where possible.1 The proposed new library had been under *discussion* for almost three years at the time an appropriate site became available.At the time an appropriate site became available, they had been discussing the proposed new library for almost three years.2 There had been a considerable *improvement* in his condition when I saw him in hospital last night.

His condition

3 It was announced that there was a 10 minute *delay* to the York train.

It was announced that the York train

4 Joe had been on a *diet* for a month when he came to stay with us, and we noticed immediately that he had already lost a lot of weight.

Joe

- 5 There was an *expectation* that Sylvia would win comfortably, but she finished only third.
Sylvia
- 6 When I reversed the car out of the garage, I did some *damage* to the rear number plate.
When I reversed the car out of the garage, I
- 7 John received a *promotion* last week.
John
- 8 Rentpool had been under *investigation* by the tax authorities for a number of months when they arrested the chairman.
The tax authorities
- 9 The Minister made her colleagues *angry* when she criticised them during her speech yesterday.
The Minister
- 10 There had already been a *suggestion* from Christine that the money should be spent on new textbooks for the school.
Christine

The future

Units 9 & 10

- 4 Study the future references highlighted in these sentences and suggest corrections or improvements where necessary. Choose from *will*, *shall*, *going to*, *present continuous for the future*, and *present simple for the future*.
- A A: Careful, (1) you're going to spill your coffee.
B: Oh, no! Too late. Now (2) I'm going to have to change my trousers.
- B A: What have you got all that wood for?
B: (1) I'll build a bird table in the garden.
A: If you need any help, let me know and (2) I'm going to give you a hand.
- C A: (1) Shall you be able to come over on the 3rd? We (2) have a barbecue.
B: Just a minute, (3) I'm going to have a look in my diary. No, I'm sorry. (4) I'm meeting some friends in London that day.
- D A: Did you know that Dave (1) is going to go to New Zealand this summer?
B: Yes, I heard. I'm really sorry he (2) doesn't come to see us.
A: I wonder when we (3) see him again?
B: Well, he certainly (4) won't be back before Christmas.
- E A: I (1) take Aunt Joan to the station later. Do you want a lift into town, too?
B: What time (2) does her train go?
A: It (3) will be at 4.15. It (4) takes us about half an hour to get there if there isn't too much traffic.
B: Well you should start out early. Apparently, (5) we'll have heavy snow this afternoon. In fact, thanks for your offer, but I think (6) I'm going to stay at home in the warm.

Modals

Units 15–20

- 5 Underline the best answers from each group in italics.
- 1 A: I've spent most of the morning trying to fix my washing machine, but I seem to have made it worse.
B: You *ought to ask/ may ask/ ought to have asked* me to come over and take a look at it. I *would have been/ should be/ would be* happy to help. But I suppose it's too late now!

- 2 The taxi *needs to/ should/ would* be here in a couple of minutes. *We'd better/ 've better/ 'd better* to get ready to go.
- 3 My daughter *wouldn't/ won't/ may not* eat carrots. She hates the taste of them. I *don't have to/ 'm not able to/ can't* think of any way of getting her to eat them. But to tell the truth, I *could/ would/ used to* hate them when I was young, too.
- 4 A: We're completely lost! I'm *not able to/ can't / mustn't* find any of the street names around here on the map.
B: *We must have/ have got to have/ can have* taken the wrong turning at the traffic lights about a kilometre back.
- 5 You *haven't got to/ needn't/ mustn't* go on the beach when the tide's coming in. It's very dangerous. You *can/ might/ would* play in the fields instead.
- 6 I was beginning to be concerned that I *won't/ mustn't/ wouldn't* get to the station for my train. But I *didn't need worry/ needn't have worried/ needn't worry*; Colin turned up in good time to give me a lift.
- 7 Most head teachers today feel that parents *need/ should/ had better* play a more active part in the running of schools. There was a time when parents *would/ will/ should* put a lot of effort into raising money for school projects, but those days seem to have gone.
- 8 A: These trousers shrank the first time I washed them.
B: If I were you, I *ought to/ should/ can* take them back.
A: Yes, I suppose they *can/ need/ may* give me my money back.
- 9 Preliminary research suggests that the bones *must/ have got to/ used to* be at least 100,000 years old, but they *would/ could/ can* be considerably older than that.
- 10 Apparently, in the future, airline passengers *will be able to/ can/ could* send and receive email messages without moving from their seats. Of course, by the time this is common, we *can/ must/ might* have started using even more efficient ways of communicating.
- 11 Both candidates for the job were very strong and it was hard to choose between them. I certainly *couldn't/ mustn't/ had got to* have decided which one to appoint. But fortunately, we *hadn't got to/ didn't have to/ mustn't* make a final decision; the management found enough money to allow us to appoint both of them.
- 12 You *needn't/ don't need to/ mustn't* be very fit to play badminton well. It *can/ is able to/ could* be played by anyone who is reasonably fit and who has a good sense of timing.

Passives

Units 22–25

- 6 Some extracts from radio news reports are given below. Rewrite them in a more appropriate way using passive forms in which the underlined word forms the subject of the clause. If 'that' is underlined, use a passive construction with *it* or *there*.

Examples:

Picasso encouraged her to paint. → **She was encouraged** to paint by Picasso.

People believe that the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow. → **It is believed** that the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow.

A People are encouraging the Prime Minister to sack the Environment Minister, Maggie Long, after someone revealed that she had received payments from a major oil company. However, in a statement today, the Prime Minister said: 'My advisors tell me that the company paid Mrs Long the money before she joined the government. I have no intention of dismissing her.'

B A tropical storm has caused severe flooding in the city of Chittagong in southern Bangladesh. Although we understand that there are no casualties, the floods have made many thousands of people homeless, and people estimate the damage to property as running into millions of dollars.

- C Protesters have continued to block the construction of the new Newburn ring road by tying themselves to trees along the proposed route. Police say that they have given the protesters two days to leave the area or they will arrest them.
- D Conservation groups have demanded that the government should close down the Seafeld nuclear power station after a report which said that investigators have found unacceptable levels of radiation in the local area.
- E The Chief Constable of the London police force has revealed that they have received a death threat against the life of President Nabon, who is visiting the capital this weekend. He says that they are taking the threat very seriously. People expect that security levels will be increased during the President's visit.
- F Someone found a man injured on a Scottish hillside this morning. People think that he fell while coming down a hillside in bad weather. Medical staff are treating him in hospital for leg and head injuries. Someone reported him missing last night when he failed to return home after a day's walking.
- G And now football. People expect that there will be a record crowd at tonight's match between Manchester United and Bayern Munich. People report that the club will give the United players a huge financial bonus if they win and people have even suggested that the club might pay them as much as £50,000 each.

Verb complementation: what follows verbs

Units 30 & 31

- 7 Underline the correct alternatives. Sometimes both are possible.
- 1 He insisted *to pay/ on paying* for the meal.
 - 2 The interviewer started off *to ask/ by asking* me why I wanted the job.
 - 3 I can clearly recall *his saying/ him saying* that he was meeting Sarah at eight o'clock.
 - 4 The university has *arranged/ appointed* Dr Charles to be head of the new Medical Institute.
 - 5 I knew I could *ask/ count* on Philip if I needed any help.
 - 6 My parents are always going on *at me to tidy/ for to tidy* up my bedroom.
 - 7 The ticket enables you *visiting/ to visit* both the museum and the art gallery.
 - 8 Karen is so small that she often has to resort to *wearing children's clothes/ children's clothes* to get the right size.
 - 9 We objected to *their cat/ their cat's* digging up our garden.
 - 10 The government plans to bring in new laws *forcing/ making* parents to take more responsibility for the education of their children.
 - 11 I don't approve of *her smoking/ smoking*.
 - 12 Johnson was arrested when he failed *him to appear/ to appear* in court.
 - 13 If you have any problems with the computer, contact Simon. It's best if you *allow/ let* him deal with it.
 - 14 I've heard a lot about Dr James, and I'm looking forward *to hearing/ to hear* his talk tomorrow.
 - 15 Although Patricia is a doctor herself, it doesn't *entitle her to/ entitle for her to* special treatment, and she will have to join the waiting list like everyone else.
 - 16 We *waited/ waited for* the storm to pass before we continued.
 - 17 When I was in the supermarket I *noticed a man to take/ noticed a man take* some food off the shelf and hide it inside his coat.
 - 18 We *invited/ refused* Liz to come to the party.
 - 19 I overheard her *tell/ telling* Jack that she was seriously ill.
 - 20 She gave up work so that she could focus on *looking/ look* after her children.

- 21 We were unhappy in England, and even *discussed/ talked* of emigrating to New Zealand.
 22 The lizard is amazingly well adapted *to live/ to living* in very dry and windy conditions.
 23 An increase in the price of petrol would discourage *me from using/ from using* my car.

Reporting

Units 33, 35, 36 & 38

- 8 Complete the sentences to report what was said using one of the following nouns followed by a *that*-clause or *to*-infinitive clause. Give two completions where both a *that*-clause and *to*-infinitive clause are possible.

advice complaint conclusion confession decision prediction
 promise refusal reply ~~statement~~ threat warning

- 1 'The government has decreased taxation every year since we came to power,' stated the President.
 Opposition leaders have challenged the President's statement that the government have/had decreased taxation every year since they came to power.
- 2 Karen said, 'I've decided not to go to university next year.'
 We were disappointed with Karen's decision
- 3 'The Earth will pass through the tail of a comet within the next five years,' predicted Professor Adams.
 Considerable media attention has been focused on
- 4 'We said that we would dismiss the strikers if they didn't return to work, and we have now done that.'
 The company has carried out
- 5 'You should delegate more of your work to your secretary,' Mary was advised by her boss.
 Mary decided to follow
- 6 'I'll pick you up at 10.00,' John promised.
 John didn't turn up until 11.00, despite
- 7 'Professor Jones doesn't know what he's talking about,' Bob concluded.
 I wasn't surprised by
- 8 'My dinner is cold!'
 We decided to ignore Donald's
- 9 'We will not negotiate over the ownership of the land!'
 I was astonished by
- 10 'Small children should be kept indoors until pollution levels have reduced,' the Health Minister has warned.
 The Health Minister has issued
- 11 'I've never used a computer before,' she confessed.
 I was surprised by
- 12 'Where's Susan?' I asked Derek. 'I don't know,' he replied.
 When I asked Derek where Susan was

Nouns

Units 40-43

- 9 Choose an appropriate present simple form (singular or plural) of the verb in brackets. If both singular and plural forms are possible, give them both.
- 1 I've been trying to sell my car for ages, but nobody to buy it. (*want*)
 2 A lettuce and a carrot all I need to make the salad. (*be*)
 3 A lot of students in the old houses near the university. (*live*)
 4 All of the scientific evidence to the conclusion that increasing use of pesticides in farming is damaging our health. (*point*)