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Present simple & continuous, past simple & continuous

1 Choose the correct options.

I eat / 'm eating my lunch now.

- 1 At the moment I read / 'm reading a detective
- 2 I usually read / 'm reading two books every
- 3 While I waited / was waiting for you, it started to
- 4 Sam waited / was waiting for Helen for three hours yesterday.
- 5 Harriet **knows** / **is knowing** how to play the piano.
- 6 I liked / was liking the English lesson last week.

Past simple & past perfect

2 Match 1-5 with A-F.

When we woke up, we realized ... /

- 1 When Sam arrived at college ...
- 2 The fire alarm had gone off ...
- 3 We hadn't eaten all day, ...
- 4 He'd never been on a plane ...
- 5 As soon as I saw my mother's face ...

- A the lecture had already started.
- B I knew that the surprise party had been a good idea.
- C so we were very hungry by the evening.
- D before the people left the building.
- E that a tree had fallen down during the night.
- F until he flew to Chicago.

Present perfect & past simple

3 Choose A or B to complete the sentences.

My visitors A half an hour ago.

B have arrived A arrived

1 Pierre his driving test for the sixth time.

A just took

B has just taken

2 Leo football yesterday.

A didn't play B hasn't played

3 Sue in New York for three years now.

A worked B has worked

4 I in a café for three months in 2012.

A worked

B 've worked

5 Jane in town yesterday?

A Did you see B Have you seen

6 It here three times this year.

A snowed

B 's snowed

Present perfect simple & continuous

4 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

I'm really tired – I / study / for three hours. I'm really tired – I've been studying for three hours. 1 Harry is lucky – he / visit / Berlin / three times. Harry is lucky – 2 Let's walk home – we / wait / for a bus / for ages. Let's walk home – 3 Alex / collect / football stickers since he was a little football stickers since he was a little boy. 4 I / see / my grandfather twice this year. my grandfather

5 How long / you / work / with Nicole?

..... with Nicole? 6 Kim / learn / Mandarin / for many years.

..... for many years.

Future forms

twice this year.

5 Complete the dialogue with the verbs in the box.

are you doing are you going fly going to work 'll ask 'll be 'll let 'll send 'm staying

A:	What are you doing this summer?	

B: I'm (1) for GoEco. It's an organization that runs volunteer projects all over the world.

A: Really? Where (2)?

I (3) to South Africa B: on the first Monday of the holidays and I (4) for six weeks at a monkey and wildlife rehabilitation centre.

That sounds cool! I'd love to do that. A:

a great experience.

B: I (5) you the link to the website and you can decide if you want to come too.

A: I (6) my dad tonight. I think he (7) me go because it (8) such

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Tenses: question forms

6 Order the words to form sentences.

that / tonight? / wear / dress / Are / going / you / to Are you going to wear that dress tonight? 1 Sophia / to / Aren't / tomorrow? / going / you / visit 2 today / college? / What / do / you / did / at 3 you / the / Who / tickets? / bought 4 it / since / How / is / meat? / long / you / ate / last 5 coming / this / How / you / been / gym? / have / long / to 6 to / Paris? / When / you / go / did / last

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Present simple & continuous, past simple & continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use the present simple, present continuous, past simple or past continuous.

	drink	go	play	speak	stay	swim	watch	
	I always drink coffee in the mornings.							
1	This sea	ason	my fa	vourite t	footba	ll team		
					. reall	y well.		
2	1				on	holiday	to Corfu in	
	2011.							
3	Nick					five la	nguages!	
4	While we the film,							
	David a	rrive	d.					
5	My uncl	е				in	Vienna this	
	week.							
6	This tim	e las	st wee	k I			in	
	the sea.							

Past simple & past perfect

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or the past perfect

υı	ackers. Ose the past simple of the past perfect.
	After John had visited (visit) Barcelona, he decided
	(decide) to go university there.
1	When Sarah (arrive) at
	the party, Rita
	(already / leave).
2	She (have) a bath after
	the children (go) to
	school.
3	After they (eat) their
	dinner, they (put) their
	dishes in the sink.
4	Sandra (call) her
	mother after the plane
	(land).
5	After he (finish) his
	homework, he(play)
	on his computer.
6	The students (not / be)
	hungry because they
	(just /eat) dinner.

Present perfect & past simple

3 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

Chloe Ball-Hopkins, who suffers from a rare form of
muscular dystrophy, celebrated (celebrate) her
seventeenth birthday by going skydiving. She had
always wanted to skydive and (1)
(be) very excited when the big day (2)
(arrive). She (3) (jump) 3,000
metres from the sky to raise money for a charity. This
charity is helping to find a cure for the disease that
(4) (leave) Chloe in a wheelchair.
So far, she (5) (raise) over
£80,000 for the charity. Chloe said that she
(6) (write) a list of things that she
wants to do because she doesn't know when her
condition might change.

Present perfect simple & continuous

4 Complete the sentences with suitable verbs. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

	How many times have you been ice skating?
1	You look exhausted – what
	?
2	How long your best
	friend?
3	I'm bored because I all
	morning.
4	Hurry up – she for us for
	three hours already!
5	Look! Somebody a
	football into that tree.
6	I that DVD you lent me,
	so you can have it back now.

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Future forms

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use an appropriate future form.

	call	have (x2)	leave	rain	spend	win	
	Look at t	he sky – it	's going	to rai	in.		
1	I promise	e that I			you	as soon	
	as we la	nd in Los A	ngeles	•			
2	The train	۱		at	t 08.45 t	omorrow	
	morning.						
3	1		lunc	h with	Mario r	ext	
	Tuesday	'.					
4	1		the s	summ	er with r	ny friends	
	in Hollan	ıd.					
5	I don't think that the president						
	the next						
6	I		a co	ffee a	nd a haı	n	
	sandwic	h, please.					

Tenses: question forms

6 Write questions using the prompts.

Who / tell / you / about / this website? Who told you about this website? 1 Where / you / go / on holiday / last year? 2 What / you / do / this time last week? 3 Who / give / you / that watch? 4 Who / you / see / at the party / yesterday? 5 When / you / last / go / swimming? 6 How long / be / it / since / we / last / go / to Spain?