

Grammar

1 Past Perfect Simple and Continuous

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

finish have learn live meet wait

I had just finished my presentation when the door opened.

- 1 We _____ for ages before the train finally came.
- 2 I _____ trouble getting to sleep for a long time until I stopped drinking coffee.
- 3 Clare _____ in London all her life so it was very hard for her to leave.
- 4 We _____ before so I introduced myself.
- 5 How long _____ you _____ Spanish before you went to Argentina?

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2 articles

Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

I'm afraid I don't know the answer to this question.

- 1 Would you like ____ drink with your meal?
- 2 Have you ever been to ____ ancient ruins at Petra?
- 3 I'm not a fan of ____ modern architecture.
- 4 '____ apple a day keeps the doctor away' so the saying goes.
- 5 Laura's studying to be ____ archaeologist.

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3 adjectives and adverbs

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

I / you / should / think / However / apologise / still
However, I still think you should apologise.

1 see / that / probably / again / You / film / want / won't / to

_____.

2 sightseeing / to / always / It / interesting / go / is

_____.

3 visit / Pompeii / moving / is / place / an / to / amazingly

_____.

4 have / while / this / been / I / built / ago / must / think / a

_____.

5 cinema / time / If / we'll / the / quickly / get / in / run / we / to

_____.

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Vocabulary

4 time expressions

Underline the correct words in *italics*.

What were you doing *at/in* 2005?

1 I was given some old toys as a child and I started to go to antique fairs *since/from* that point on.

2 Hans studied medicine and *until/after* that he got a job in a hospital.

3 *During/While* the winter I always feel like hibernating.

4 *Throughout/Since* my years at university I enjoyed playing tennis for the college team.

5 *For/At* that time no one had any idea how valuable our old paintings would turn out to be.

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5 materials

Complete the words.

I can only wear leather shoes because my feet get very hot.

- 1 Please be careful with that **p** _ _ _ _ _ vase as it's very delicate.
- 2 When Charles proposed to Kate, he gave her a beautiful **g** _ _ ring.
- 3 I love wearing **s** _ _ _ because it's such a light fabric.
- 4 There must be **l** _ _ _ _ in these trousers as they're nice and stretchy.
- 5 That handbag was expensive, I can't believe it's only made of **p** _ _ _ _ _ .

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6 verb phrases with *take*

Correct the underlined word.

Huge superstores are taking down our towns. *over*

- 1 I don't suppose anyone thought that the Internet would take through. _____
- 2 Nothing seems to stress David. He just takes everything in his step. _____
- 3 We took up our new life in Dublin like ducks to water. _____
- 4 There was too much information at the conference, I found it hard to take it all off. _____
- 5 The view from the top of the Eiffel Tower takes your breathing away. _____

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7 making nouns

Complete the sentences with the noun form of the words in brackets.

There are few things I value as much as the friendship I have with my neighbours.
(friend)

- 1 The Chinese were the _____ of so much that is useful today. (invent)
- 2 Greed has been the _____ of so many great civilisations. (weak)
- 3 We couldn't see the mountains due to the poor _____. (visible)
- 4 There has been a noticeable _____ in the number of visitors to the site. (reduce)
- 5 _____ obviously agreed with Queen Victoria as she had thirteen children! (mother)

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Pronunciation

8 speech units

Listen and write // in the places you hear a pause.

I really admire my elderly neighbours // and one of the reasons is // that they never complain.

- 1 I went back to the place where I was born recently and it was quite a shock.
- 2 Sadly none of the old shops I remember so well were there any more.
- 3 However I did bump into someone I knew and what a pleasure that was.
- 4 We decided though I didn't really have the time to go for a coffee.
- 5 I think it did us both good and I hope we'll keep in touch maybe even meet up again.

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How to...

9 reach an agreement

Underline the correct words in *italics*.

Alternative medicine, yes, as you say/tell, there must be something in it.

- 1 If you *put/take* into account all the money that we've spent, I think you'll agree that the museum is now a world-class attraction.
- 2 But then *more/again*, although new design is necessary, traditional buildings also have their place.
- 3 Yes, that's a good *idea/point*. I think we can combine modern and old if we approach the project with sensitivity.
- 4 Right, so we agree *on/for* the value of both.
- 5 So, that's *planned/decided*: we'll get an architect to come up with some new designs.

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Reading

10 Read the posting on a web forum and answer the questions.

School days are the happiest days of your lives

St Anthony's School is celebrating its centenary this year so we are inviting all of our former students to write in with memories of their time with us. We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Philip

I vividly remember my first day at school. I walked through the main doors and felt so small. I'd been at a village school before starting at St Anthony's so it was quite a shock to the system. Everyone seemed so much older than me and everyone seemed to know what they were doing and where they were going. Whenever I start something new, I'm reminded of that awful sinking feeling. I don't suppose it'll ever go away.

Marianne

My favourite subject was English because I really liked our teacher. She was so passionate about literature so we all just got caught up in her enthusiasm. At the start of every lesson she would read us a short extract from whatever it was that she was reading at the time. She also encouraged us to write for ourselves and I can honestly say that I wouldn't be a teacher myself if it hadn't been for her influence and encouragement.

Luke

To be honest, I don't have happy memories of my time at the school. I was a very introverted child and had always found it hard to make friends. Everyone seemed so sporty and competitive and I just didn't fit in. Looking back, I wish I'd told my parents how unhappy I was instead of staying put. The one saving grace, as far as I'm concerned, was the library. Whenever we had a break I just went there and studied.

Graham

I'm not really academic so I don't see the point of learning all about physics and history and all that kind of stuff. From my point of view it would have been far better if we'd done a few vocational subjects something that's actually useful if you want to go out and get a job. I dropped out when I was 16 and got myself an apprenticeship with a local building company. I don't think the teachers were particularly interested in anyone who didn't want to go to university but I still see some of my classmates from time to time.

Kate

One of my best memories is our trip to Berlin. We'd been studying German for four years. There were fifteen of us so it was a good number. A couple of parents came along as well and we all stayed in a small hostel in the city centre. It was so good to be able to practise what we'd spent so long learning in the classroom. And amazingly people actually understood us!

Who ...

felt unappreciated by the teachers?

Graham

1 was lonely at school?

2 was able to put theory into practice?

3 is still affected by memories of school?

4 was inspired to go into the teaching profession?

5 wanted to study practical subjects?

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