

Tense review

Choosing the correct tense

Choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I'm hot because *I've run / I've been running!*
- 2 *I've cut / I've been cutting* my finger!
- 3 *Have you heard / Have you been hearing* Paul Simon's latest record?
- 4 She's tired because *she's shopped / she's been shopping* all day.
- 5 Sorry. *I've broken / I've been breaking* one of your glasses.
- 6 How long *have you had / have you been having* this book?
- 7 *They live / They've been living* here for three years.
- 8 *I've painted / I've been painting* the living room, but I haven't finished yet.
- 9 *I've lost / I've been losing* my wallet. Where did I last have it?
- 10 Look what Pat *has given / has been giving* me for my birthday! A bike!
- 11 There's my wallet! *I've looked / I've been looking* for it for ages.

Forming the correct tense

T 13.3 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense, Present or Past Simple, Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- 1 I (1) _____ (learn) Italian for the past three years. My teacher is very good, and I (2) _____ (like) her very much.
I (3) _____ (be) to Italy three times. I (4) _____ (go) there last year with my family, and we (5) _____ (stay) in Florence.
I (6) _____ (enjoy) it a lot, but there (7) _____ (be) too many people.
- 2 My daughter (1) _____ (try) to find a job for months. She (2) _____ (leave) university in June, and since then she (3) _____ (have) one or two part-time jobs. She (4) _____ (work) in a café for the last two weeks.
She (5) _____ (want) to work in publishing. She (6) _____ (write) hundreds of letters of application, and she (7) _____ (have) a few interviews, but no job offers yet.

- 3 We (1) _____ (live) in our new house for several months. Since we (2) _____ (move) in, we (3) _____ (be) very busy. Everyone (4) _____ (help) to get the house ready. So far we (5) _____ (decorate) the living room and the kitchen. Soon after we arrived the central heating (6) _____ (break) down, so we (7) _____ (have) to spend a lot of money to repair it.
We (8) _____ (like) gardening very much, but we (9) _____ (not have) time to do anything to the garden yet. And it (10) _____ (rain) very heavily recently, so we'll just wait till the weather gets better.

A conversation between old friends

T 13.4 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense, Present or Past Simple, Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- Jane** Hello, Peter! I (1) _____ (not see) you for ages! How are you?
- Peter** Hi, Jane. I'm fine, thanks. And you?
- Jane** I'm OK. What (2) _____ you _____ (do) since I last (3) _____ (see) you?
- Peter** Well, I (4) _____ (start) a new job last month. It's still in advertising, but with a new company.
- Jane** How long (5) _____ you _____ (work) in advertising?
- Peter** For five years. I really (6) _____ (enjoy) it. Anyway, what about you?
- Jane** Well, I'm still writing books. I (7) _____ (write) a couple of novels, and for the past year I (8) _____ (research) a book on local history.
- Peter** That sounds very interesting.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 **A** How long _____ you _____ each other? (**know**)
B Since 2001. We met at university.
- 2 **A** Can I read your newspaper?
B Sorry. I _____ it yet. (**not finish**)
- 3 **A** When _____ you _____ university? (**leave**)
B Last year.
- 4 **A** I _____ the film. (**not like**)
B Neither did I.
- 5 **A** Do you think the weather will be good tomorrow?
B I'm not sure. I think it might _____. (**rain**)
- 6 **A** I have some English homework to do.
B _____ I _____ you? (**help**)
- 7 **A** Who _____ your brother _____ for? (**work**)
B For a computer software company. He's a sales manager.
- 8 **A** That's a beautiful picture. Who _____ it? (**paint**)
B I did.
- 9 **A** My mobile isn't working. I don't know why.
B Here! I _____ you mine. (**lend**)
- 10 **A** _____ you _____ in that restaurant? (**eat**)
B Only once but I wouldn't recommend it.
- 11 **A** Where _____ you _____ tonight? (**go**)
B I'm not sure. I might see a film.
- 12 **A** What _____ you _____ if you lost your job? (**do**)
B I don't know. I hope it doesn't happen!
- 13 **A** What's the best film you _____ ever _____? (**see**)
B I can't think of just one - there are five or six.
- 14 **A** What _____ you _____ when the boss came into your office? (**do**)
B Talking to my girlfriend on the phone.
- 15 **A** Don't forget it's Mum's birthday tomorrow.
B Thanks. I must _____ to phone her in the morning. (**remember**)
- 16 **A** That's a beautiful building over there.
B Yes, it _____ in the eighteenth century. (**build**)
- 17 **A** Why don't your parents travel more often?
B Because my father is very afraid of _____. (**fly**)
- 18 **A** There's no need to run. We're not late. The concert starts at 8.00.
B But if we don't get there early, we _____ a good seat. (**not get**)
- 19 **A** What does your wife do?
B She's a writer. She _____ already _____ three novels and she's writing a book of short stories. (**write**)
- 20 **A** Have you got any plans for next summer?
B Yes, we _____ my cousin in the Czech Republic. (**visit**)

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18-20 Excellent. You understand the verb tenses presented in *New English File Pre-intermediate* very well.

13-17 Quite good, but check the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.122) for any questions that you got wrong.

0-12 This is difficult for you. Read the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.122). Then ask your teacher for another photocopy and do the exercise again at home.