

Grammar Workshop: Verb Tenses part II

Present Perfect vs Simple Past: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

1. Peter (play)_____ football yesterday.
2. They (wash)_____ the car. It looks new again.
3. Last year we (go)_____ to Italy.
4. John and Peggy (read)_____ the book. Now they can watch the film.
5. I (meet)_____ my friend two days ago.
6. We (visit, never)_____ another country before.
7. She (buy) _____ a new car in 2011.
8. I'm sorry, but I (forgot)_____ my homework.
9. (win, you)_____ the game of chess?
10. The girls (eat, not)_____ their lunch yet.

Simple Past vs Past Perfect: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

- 1) I can't believe I (get) _____ that apartment. I (submit) _____ my application last week, but I didn't think I had a chance of actually getting it. When I (show) _____ up to take a look around, there were at least twenty other people who (arrive) _____ before me. Most of them (fill, already) out their applications and were already leaving. The landlord said I could still apply, so I did.
- 2) I (try) _____ to fill out the form, but I couldn't answer half of the questions. They (want) _____ me to include references, but I didn't want to list my previous landlord because I (have) _____ some problems with him in the past and I knew he wouldn't recommend me. I (end) _____ up listing my father as a reference.
- 3) It was total luck that he (decide) _____ to give me the apartment. It turns out that the landlord and my father (go) _____ to high school together. He decided that I could have the apartment before he (look) _____ at my credit report. I really lucked out!

Future Perfect: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

1. *Margaret:* Do you think everything will be finished when I get back from the store?
Jerry: Don't worry. By the time you get back, I (pick) _____ up the living room and (finish) _____ washing the dishes. Everything will be perfect when your parents arrive.
Margaret: I hope so. They (arrive) _____ around 6 o'clock.
Jerry: Everything (be) _____ spotless by the time they get here.

2. *Nick:* I just have two more courses before I graduate from university. By this time next year, I (graduate) _____, and I will already be looking for a job.

Stacey: Does that scare you? Are you worried about the future?

Nick: Not really. I (go) _____ to a career counselor and get some advice on how to find a good job.

Stacey: That's a good idea.

Nick: I am also going to do an internship so that when I leave school, I (complete, not only) _____ over 13 business courses, but I (work, also) in the real world.

3. *Stan:* Did you hear that Christine (take) _____ a vacation in South America this winter?

Fred: I can't believe how often she goes abroad. Where exactly does she want to go?

Stan: She (visit) _____ Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Fred: At this rate, she (visit) every country in the world by the time she's 50.

4. *Judy:* How long do you plan on staying?

Elaine: I love Miami, so I (stay) _____ here for an extended period of time. When I go back home, I (be) _____ here for more than three months.

Judy: Wow, that's quite a vacation! You (see, definitely) _____ just about everything there is to see in Miami by then.

Conditionals: Conjugate the verbs in the blanks to complete the conditional phrase.

1. If I (listen) _____ to classical music, I (write) _____ good poems.
2. Lisa must look after her baby brother if her father (jog) _____.
3. If you take the train and are lucky, you (arrive) _____ arrive in Sheffield before 8 pm.
4. The girls should hurry if they (buy, not) _____ the tickets yet.
5. If Phil does that, Sophia (scream) _____.
6. If they aren't careful with the spelling of the new words, they (receive, not) _____.
7. I can lend Emily my car if she (need) _____ it.
8. If she finds my dictionary, she (give) _____ it back to me.
9. John might buy a new monitor if his mother (give) _____ him 100 Euros.
10. If I won the lottery, I (be) _____ very happy and I (buy) _____ a boat.