

Use either the simple or progressive aspect of the *past tense*

- a) I (just / leave) when the phone (ring).
They (tell) me that they (wait) for
me at the station.
- b) The bus (move) when the man (jump)
- c) 'The police (raid) the house next door last night. Who
..... (they / look for)?' 'An escaped convict'-
'..... (they / find) him?'
- d) While I (decide) whether to buy the jumper or not, a man
..... (come) in and (buy) it.
- e) I (come) in when she (dress). When
she (see) him she (scream).
- f) How (you / break) your arm? I (put in)
a new light bulb. I (stand) on the table and, as I
..... (get) down, I (slip) and (fall).
- g) What (you / do) when the doorbell
(ring)? I (read). What (you / do). I
..... (get up) and (open) the door. Two
men (stand) outside.
- h) 'Where (you / work) before this job?' 'At the post office'. 'How long
..... (you / work) there?' I (work) there for three years.
- i) While she (go) to work she (see) an
accident. A car (crash) into another one. One person
..... (die).

Use either the *past tense* or the *or present perfect*

- a) I (already / see) that film. I (see) last week.
- b) '..... (Harry / finish) his work yet?' 'Yes, he
(do) it all this morning'.
- c) '..... (you / see) the show?' 'Yes, I (have).
'When (you / see) it?'
- d) I (go) to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel. The only place I
..... (like) (be) Egypt.
- e) Look! The door's open. Who (open) it?
- f) 'Juliet (break) a leg.' 'How (she / do) that?'

Use either the *simple past* or *past perfect*

Last night I (dream) that you (leave)
me. You (leave) me and (go off) with
someone else. I (find out) that you (know)
her for ages. You (be) at school with her and then you
..... (meet) her again at university. I (be) very
surprised when you (tell) me. I (live)
up to then thinking that you (love) me. When I
..... (wake up) I (feel) awful.

Insert *for, since, from* or *to* and a suitable past tense or present perfect

- a) I (wait) her a long time. I'm going home.
- b) 'How long (you / be) here?' 'I (come) in 1995, so that means I (be) here 15 years.'
- c) She (live) here she (be) a girl.
- d) This morning I (wait) for you 9 10. Then, as there (be) no sign of you, I (go) home.
- e) 'How long (you / wait) yesterday?' 'Two hours'.
- f) When I was young I (study) English three years. I (start) in 1976. I (study) a year at school, then the beginning of 1977 the end of 1978 I (study) it in England.
- g) It's years I last (see) you.
- h) I (not see) you ages!

Use the *past simple* or *present perfect* with the correct aspect

- a) The car (run) well since I (check) the engine.
- b) James (live) here since his wife (leave).
- c) Since I (take) aspirin I (suffer) from violent stomach-aches.
- d) Since she (work) here she (not late) once.
- e) The traffic (get) worse and worse since they finished building the motorway.
- f) I (not read) a single word since I (take) the exam.

Rewrite the sentences below using a *present perfect* or *past perfect* and the verbs in parenthesis

- a) When the police arrived the woman was already dead. (die)
- b) Peter started on that exercise two hours ago. (work)
- c) There are signs of someone having used my car. (who / use) ?
- d) Why are the timetables all different? (who / change) ?
- e) When they arrived they found out that everybody was already in bed. (go to bed)
- f) This research is being carried out now. It was started a long time ago. (be in progress)
- g) I don't remember his address. (forget) Is your address-book here? (bring)
- h) The train was not there anymore. We were ten minutes late. (leave)

Use an appropriate form of either the *past simple* or *past perfect*

- a) When my mother-in-law (come) to see me yesterday , the kitchen (be) in a terrible mess. I (cook) all morning and(not have) time to clear up.
- b) Jack (live) with his cousin three years when he finally (find) a flat of his own.
- c) When the firemen arrived he (stand) on the roof for two hours. As soon as they (get) him down, they (take) him away in an ambulance that (wait) there the whole time.
- d) I (never / be) to Sardinia before. I (go) last summer. I (have) a wonderful time.
- e) She (never / know) her grandfather. He (die) many years before she (be born).
- f) When they finally (surrender) to the police they (hide) in the woods for 6 weeks.

Put the verbs into the correct *passive* form (*past tense* or *present perfect*)

- a) This place (know) to all tourists for a long time.
- b) (anything interesting / say) at the meeting last night?
- c) The law (pass) last week because the Socialists (persuade) not to sabotage it.
- d) The room (clean) at that time; we (tell) we couldn't use it.
- e) The woman who (injure) by the fallen tree (take) to hospital.
- f) At the time the Government (criticize) for not doing enough to help the poor.
- g) Luckily, much research (already / do) in this field.