

Mixed tenses practice

Let's practise the tenses. Don't forget to look out for signal words and analyse the context.



Dear Katie

It was great to get your message! I'm sorry it me so long to reply, but I've just got back from my holiday. Next Saturday I to Liz's birthday party. I hope you too!

Last year, she a party in a cafe by the seaside, which was great, but as you , I don't like dancing and drinking, so while the others fun, I was feeling rather bored at times.

This time, Liz says she has in mind something we yet! I have no idea what she has planned, but her husband says we a lot of fun.

You asked me about my holiday — well, it's just great! I for 5 years and this is the first holiday I . Europe is so beautiful right now — everything and the air is warm. The city I the

most was Florence. We a very nice afternoon walking around the city, and then pizza in a little trattoria. I've attached a photo for you. I don't look fantastic in it — I , so I'm like a hamster, but you can see a street musician on the left. He was amazing! He my favourite song from The Godfather as we past the trattoria, and I decided to have dinner there because of him!

Sorry, this letter is way too long! How recently? Can't wait to read the news about that new job of yours!

Love,

Anne

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Let's practise using more complicated tenses now.



- 1 Since to tell the neighbours about the party, it was a complete disaster.
- 2 I meant to tell you that I wouldn't come, but .
- 3 My new colleague must have OCD — she's worried about everything. Yesterday home because she was sure the cooker on.
- 4 Our new client is impossible! By the time the front page of her website, she wanted a different design!
- 5 How many times you that?
- 6 How long for your food? You look bored.
- 7 What is this delicious smell? .
- 8 — What is this smell?
— Sorry, your lunch.
- 9 — Why are your clothes so dirty?
— the attic.
- 10 tidying the attic. Look at all these vintage clothes .

Fill in the gaps to complete the text

It was a dark and stormy New Year's Eve night.

Pauline in her favourite cosy armchair in the living room, immersed in a spooky mystery novel and lazily wondering what her husband Bob was going to give her as a present, when suddenly she a noise coming from the bedroom upstairs. She shivered and tried to remember whether she the window in the bedroom. The wind outside and it so, she decided, the sound had probably come from the window she properly. She her book up again, the page, and then the sound again!

This time, Pauline plenty of mystery novels by the moment, so she how stupid it is to go and check the strange noise when you're alone in the house. "No way, I up there" she thought. "Leave the house quietly and call Bob, that's what I need to do".

Very slowly, she from her chair, around for an umbrella and carefully towards the door. And then came the sound of something heavy falling on the floor just above her head.

Two seconds later, Pauline was outside. Ice-cold rain down on her while she her husband's number.

"Bob!" she shouted when he . "There's someone in the house! He's upstairs, he a vase. I think he for money! Call the police and drive here, he me!

There was an embarrassed silence, then Bob coughed and said:

"Darling, please calm down and don't kill me. There's nothing to worry about. I for the right moment to tell you. It's ...

What do you think Bob is hiding from Pauline?

Read the texts and fill in the gaps

Three attractions in Wales

Cardiff

Although it a mainly industrial city in the past, Cardiff dramatically in recent decades. Nowadays it as a lively city with both historical sights and a vibrant nightlife, and it one of the tourism hotspots in the UK. It popularity as a shopping destination as well.

Hen Dy, Gwynedd

This farmhouse in North Wales is connected with an important piece of Welsh history — Llywelyn the Great here when he to King John to form an alliance, so, if you decide to visit, you the same accommodation as a member of the Welsh royalty!

However, you should book well in advance: we checked in May and the farmhouse all through the summer.

The National Eisteddfod

The famous Welsh festival of music, literature and performance in 1176, and then it in the 19th century. It in a new place every year, and the most important event in it is the competition between poets. It that in the next year Eisteddfod in Llanrwst.

Which place would you visit if you wanted to go to Wales?

Now that you've read the descriptions of some places of interest in Wales, you're ready to describe what tourists can do in different places yourself! Don't forget to use the tenses you have revised.

Describe the pictures in a random order. Your teacher will guess the place

Imagine you're a tourist in these places.

You need to describe:

- what you did there yesterday,
- what you have and haven't done today, and
- what your plans for tomorrow are.





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- 4 We tennis together since last May.
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- 6 I him tomorrow at 5.
- 7 I English for six years now.
- 8 He to the bus stop when the bus to move.
- 9 I hundreds of students up to now, but I such a hopeless class.
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Fill in the gaps with the correct tense forms

- 1 When Carol called last night, I **watch** my favourite TV show.
- 2 I **work** for this company for more than thirty years, and I **intend** to stay here until I retire.
- 3 Sharon loves travelling. She **go** abroad almost every summer. This year she **already/be** to Vietnam and Peru.
- 4 Thomas is an author who **write** since he was a child. Altogether he **write** seven novels and three collections of short stories. Last year, his most recent novel **publish**.
- 5 We were late because we **have** some car problems. By the time we got to the train, Susan **call** us fifteen times!
- 6 The students **usually/teach** by Mr. Bingham. However, this week, they **teach** by the assistant teacher.
- 7 Bob **be** on the phone for over an hour. I wonder when he's finished.
- 8 You **always/forget** to return books to the library. I feel so embarrassed every time they call!
- 9 While we **wait** for the bus, we **see** two children flashing by on their roller skates.
- 10 When we finally got to the village, we **walk** for over five miles. We were exhausted.

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Signal words for future time

It's important to remember that while you can rely on signal words in easier cases, you will often need to analyse the context before you can choose the correct tense. Let's look at how it works with the future time expressions.

Match the sentence parts and explain your choice

I'm going to finish	very soon, and then we can go shopping.
We're having a party	but I'm not sure about the time and place yet.
I don't think	tonight, which is earlier than usual.
We are going to have a party,	after the exam, I promise.
I will come to your place	I will finish this exercise tonight — it's too complicated.
I'm finishing at four	tonight. Would you like to come?