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# 1

The tense system • *have/have got* • Compound nouns  
• Phrasal verbs – literal and idiomatic • Sounds and spelling

## Home and away!

## The tense system

### 1 Identifying tenses

- 1 Write the correct verb form, active or passive, using the verb in the box.

**walk**

- 1 A How did you get here?  
B We walked. It didn't take long.
- 2 'Hello Mary? It's me. Listen, I \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ up your road – I'll be with you in five minutes!'
- 3 I need to sit down. We \_\_\_\_\_ for hours.

**take**

- 4 It was a hard match. At half-time, one of the footballers \_\_\_\_\_ to hospital.
- 5 This shirt fits me perfectly. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 6 My dog looked guilty. He \_\_\_\_\_ some food from the kitchen table.

**have**

- 7 We need a new car. We \_\_\_\_\_ this one for ages.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ a lovely picnic until my wife was stung by a bee.
- 9 Don't phone at 8.00. We \_\_\_\_\_ dinner then.

**make**

- 10 Our sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_ freshly \_\_\_\_\_ daily.
- 11 Have you heard about Lenny? He \_\_\_\_\_ redundant.
- 12 By the time I'm 40, I \_\_\_\_\_ enough money to retire.

**wash**

- 13 A Where are my jeans?  
B They \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.

- 14 My favourite white T-shirt went pink. It \_\_\_\_\_ with my daughter's red jumper.

- 15 Simon was all wet because he \_\_\_\_\_ the car.

**sell**

- 16 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ her home-made cakes at the market on Saturdays.

- 17 If no one offers to buy the house, it \_\_\_\_\_ by auction next month.

- 18 I wish I'd bought that antique chair I saw. I'm sure it will have been sold by now.

**teach**

- 19 At the end of this term, I \_\_\_\_\_ for six years.

- 20 The children \_\_\_\_\_ how to make cakes when one boy dropped his bowl on the teacher's foot.

- 2 Complete the chart with the verb forms from exercise 1.

| Active          | Simple              | Continuous |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Present         |                     |            |
| Past            | walked              |            |
| Future          |                     |            |
| Present perfect |                     |            |
| Past Perfect    |                     |            |
| Future Perfect  |                     |            |
| Passive         | Simple              | Continuous |
| Present         |                     |            |
| Past            |                     |            |
| Future          |                     |            |
| Present Perfect |                     |            |
| Past Perfect    |                     |            |
| Future Perfect  | will have been sold |            |



## 2 Check it

Correct the sentences.

I'm working

- 1 I ~~work~~ / hard at the moment because I have exams next week.
- 2 It's really cold lately, so I've bought a new winter coat.
- 3 Manchester United play really well at the moment. Their new player has real talent.
- 4 I've heard you are passing all your exams. Congratulations!
- 5 I was doing my homework when my friend was calling.

- 6 When I was a little girl, I've always spent my pocket money on sweets.
- 7 I went out with Paulo for two years now, and we're still crazy about each other.
- 8 I can't decide what to buy my brother for his birthday. Perhaps I'm going to get him a new shirt.
- 9 A one-day strike has called by French air traffic control for this Friday.
- 10 The teacher said that Megan had been working hard and was deserved to pass all her exams.

## 3 Using the correct tense

Read the Skype conversation between Nicola in Australia and her parents in Britain. Put the verbs into the correct tense.

# SKYPING THE FOLKS

**N** Hello! Dad, I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the top of your head at the moment! Reposition the camera so I can see your face.

**D** Sorry, I just <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand) this technology. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ only just \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) how to text! Oh my! I can't believe it. I can see you on my computer screen Nicola! I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) your mum. Jackie, come here quick!

**N** Dad, you're so funny. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this for ages with my friends. It's so good to see your face. I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) you for so long!

**D** How are the children? They look so grown up in those photos you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (email) us.

**N** They're fine. Ollie <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for his Year 12 Certificate. He hopes he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (accept) at the University of Melbourne next year. Becky <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) to play for her university netball team – she's so pleased. Anyway, how are you and Mum? Where is she? I want to speak to her.

**D** She <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a bit deaf. I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) louder. Jackie, come here! It's Nicola. Anyway, where was I? We're both fine. We <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday last month but we just <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at a cheap bed and breakfast



in Brighton to get some sea air. We <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

(save) hard at the moment to come and

see you at Christmas. I <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not realize) how expensive flights are. At last! Here's your mum. Jackie, what <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?

**M** Sorry, I <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) you. Oh my! It's our Nicola on the computer, as clear as can be. Hi, darling! I wish I could give you a big hug.

**N** Me too, Mum. Not long now before you and Dad <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here. At least now we can see each other.

Now you know what to do, we can Skype every weekend.

**M** Lovely, we <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look forward to) that. Anyway, tell us how you are, darling ...



Listen and check.

## Passives

### 4 Active or passive?

- 1 These active sentences can sound unnatural. Rewrite them using the passive.
  - 1 They built our house in the 17th century.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2 Someone's decorating my flat at the moment.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 Has someone fixed the coffee machine yet?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
  - 4 We ate in restaurants while they were building the new kitchen.  
While the new kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5 When we went up to our hotel room, we found that someone hadn't cleaned it.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6 They won't recognize her in those dark glasses.  
She \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense and form, active or passive.
  - 1 The burglars \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) as they \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the office.
  - 2 The postbox \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ (empty) at 12 noon.
  - 3 Her neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ (grant) permission to build a huge extension.
  - 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) down a quiet country lane when suddenly we \_\_\_\_\_ (overtake) by a police car.
  - 5 When I woke up this morning, the world looked magical. It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) all night.
  - 6 When you \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in New York, you \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up) by one of our drivers and taken to the conference centre.

## 5 Tense review

- 1 Put the verbs into the correct tense, active or passive, positive or negative.

# Living abroad

My name is Matt Perry and I'm 14 years old. My family <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Japan from Denver, Colorado three years ago, and we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Tokyo for the past two years. At first it was a real culture shock and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) I'd never fit in, but now Tokyo feels just like home, and I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) it when we go back to Denver next year.



### Why did we move?

My dad's an officer in the US Air Force and he <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be/relocate) to work in other countries several times. In the past, Mum and I stayed in Denver, but we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to be apart from my dad again, so this time we all moved. We <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here for four years by the time we return home. That's the longest my dad <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (live) anywhere since he was my age.

- 2 Here are the answers to some questions about Matt. Complete the questions.

- 1 How \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
For three years.
- 2 Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Denver, Colorado.
- 3 Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
His father was relocated there.
- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
He joined a football club.
- 5 What \_\_\_\_\_ for three years?  
Japanese.
- 6 Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Because the characters are confusing.
- 7 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
TV and comics.
- 8 When \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Next year.





### What's it like in Japan?

I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that Japanese people were quite reserved, but they're really sociable. When we first arrived, I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (join) a football club and I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) lots of American, English, and Japanese friends. I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) the language for three years now and my Japanese friends say I'm pretty good. But I <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) writing Japanese because I always <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) confused by the characters.

### What do I miss most?

I miss the TV and my comics, though it <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better all the time. Soon I <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) buy my favourite American comic here. I also miss basketball, which was my favourite sport before we came to Japan. My mum <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) her garden because we <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not live) in a house, but a fourth-floor apartment. Anyway, we <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) back in Denver next year and I'm sure we <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) so many things about Japan.

I know I'm only 14, but I've learned an awful lot about myself from living abroad. I'm going to feel very grown up compared to the other kids when I get home.

## Auxiliary verbs

### 6 have, be, or do?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have*, *be*, or *do*. Write **A** for an auxiliary verb and **F** for a full verb. Sometimes the auxiliary is negative.

- 1 ☒ **A** They had finished supper when we arrived.
- 2 ☒ **F** We didn't have pizza for supper last night.
- 3 ☐ It \_\_\_\_\_ been a lovely day. Thank you.
- 4 ☐ I always \_\_\_\_\_ a shower after work.
- 5 ☐ I \_\_\_\_\_ always had a passion for Indian food.
- 6 ☐ Maria overslept, so she \_\_\_\_\_ catch her train.
- 7 ☐ What have you \_\_\_\_\_ to your hair? You look awful!
- 8 ☐ What \_\_\_\_\_ your new boyfriend look like?
- 9 ☐ This graffiti \_\_\_\_\_ done by British artist Banksy.
- 10 ☐ My boiler \_\_\_\_\_ being repaired at the moment.
- 11 ☐ I hate \_\_\_\_\_ the washing-up. I'd like a dishwasher.
- 12 ☐ I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework very quickly last night.

## have or have got?

### 7 Forms of have and have got

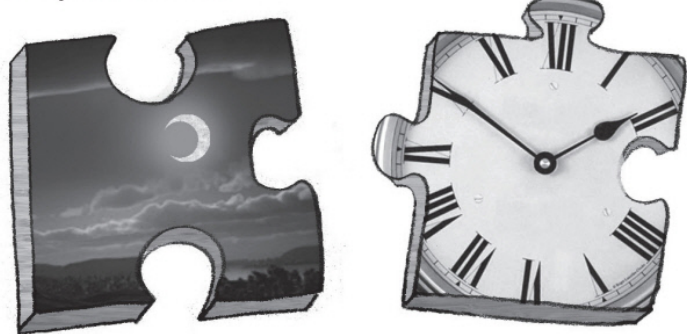
Complete the conversations with a form of *have* or *have got*. Sometimes both forms are possible.

- 1 **A** Rebecca, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a headache?  
**B** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ difficulty sleeping at the moment.  
**A** Oh dear. Why is that?  
**B** Oh, the usual money worries. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ an aspirin?
- 2 **A** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any pets?  
**B** No, we \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ you?  
**A** Oh yes. I \_\_\_\_\_ pets all my life. At the moment, I \_\_\_\_\_ a dog, two cats, and two mice.  
**B** I'd love \_\_\_\_\_ a dog, but I'm not so sure about mice!
- 3 **A** Come on! We \_\_\_\_\_ to hurry. We're late!  
**B** But I \_\_\_\_\_ my passport. I can't find it anywhere!  
**A** You \_\_\_\_\_ it yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ a look in your bag.  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_ it! You were right.
- 4 **A** I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ a few days' holiday. I \_\_\_\_\_ so much work for the past couple of months. I \_\_\_\_\_ a break for ages.  
**B** You're lucky! I \_\_\_\_\_ any holiday left!



# Vocabulary

## 8 Compound nouns



Write one word to make three compound nouns. Check the use of hyphens, one word, or two words in your dictionary.

1  test  
pressure  
donor

2  worm  
shelf  
cover

3  fall  
melon  
skiing

4  fingers  
house  
salad

5  club  
mare  
time

6  brief  
suit  
book

7  tea  
make-up  
plastic

8  bow  
coat  
drop

9  shine  
rise  
set

10  works  
sign  
map

11  line  
conditioning  
fare

12  light  
break  
dream

13  shake  
writing  
bag

14  cube  
berg  
rink

15  scape  
lady  
slide

16  birthday  
credit  
business

17  car  
man  
wear

18  note  
address  
visitors'

## 9 house and home idioms

1 Tick (✓) the correct definition for each idiom. Use your dictionary.

- 1 They get on like a house on fire.  
a ☐ They have a very good relationship.  
b ☐ They are always arguing.

- 2 Come in and make yourself at home.  
a ☐ Tidy the house.  
b ☐ Please behave in my house as if it were yours.

- 3 Lloyd Webber's new musical brought the house down.  
a ☐ The musical was a success.  
b ☐ The musical wasn't a success.

- 4 The news report really brought home to me the horrors of famine.  
a ☐ The report talked about the horrors of famine.  
b ☐ The report made me realize fully the horrors of the famine.

- 5 These drinks are on the house.  
a ☐ These drinks are very pricey.  
b ☐ These drinks are free of charge.

- 6 This shaky old bridge is actually (as) safe as houses.  
a ☐ Don't worry. The bridge is very safe.  
b ☐ Be careful. The bridge isn't safe at all.

2 Complete the conversations with the idioms from exercise 1 in the correct form.

- 1 A I was so sorry to hear that your cat died.  
B Thank you. When I saw her empty bowl, it really \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that I'd never see her again.
- 2 A How did the meeting with Andy's parents go?  
B It was great. We all \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A Hello! Sorry we're so late. The traffic was terrible.  
B Don't worry. Just sit down and \_\_\_\_\_ ! I'll put the kettle on.
- 4 A Did you read those excellent reviews in the local paper about the school play?  
B Yes, I did. Apparently, it \_\_\_\_\_ !
- 5 A I'm not going up there. It looks a bit dangerous!  
B Oh, come on! It's \_\_\_\_\_ , and the view from the top is fantastic!
- 6 A How was that new restaurant you went to?  
B Well, the food was overpriced, but the manager gave us champagne \_\_\_\_\_ because it was my birthday!

# Phrasal verbs

## 10 Literal and idiomatic meanings

Phrasal verbs sometimes have a literal meaning, and sometimes an idiomatic meaning:



### Literal

- 1 Complete the sentences with a particle from the box. Some are used more than once.

away on off back out down in

- The dentist said my tooth was bad. He had to pull it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't run \_\_\_\_\_! Come here! I want to talk to you.
- My aunt fell \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs and broke her leg.
- I fell \_\_\_\_\_ my horse!
- When the sun went \_\_\_\_\_, it was really cold.
- A button has come \_\_\_\_\_ my shirt. Could you sew it back \_\_\_\_\_ for me?
- I don't feel like cooking tonight. Shall we eat \_\_\_\_\_ instead?
- I'm going to the library to take \_\_\_\_\_ the books I've finished.
- I've just hung the washing out, and it's starting to rain. Can you help me to bring it \_\_\_\_\_?
- Don't throw the box \_\_\_\_\_. I'm sure I can use it for something.

### Literal or idiomatic?

- 2 Complete the pairs of sentences with the same phrasal verb from the box in the correct form. Write **L** for a literal meaning and **I** for an idiomatic one.

take off pick up sort out put up stand up hold on

- ☐ I'm coming to London for an interview next week – can you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ for the night?  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ your hand if you know the answer.
- ☐ I \_\_\_\_\_ all my clothes drawers today, so now I know where everything is.  
☐ We've got a problem here, but if we try hard, I'm sure we can \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ When I was at school, we had to \_\_\_\_\_ when the teacher came in the room.  
☐ You shouldn't let your sister tell you what to do all the time. You should \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself more, and say what you think.
- ☐ It's too warm to be wearing a jumper. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_?  
☐ After a slow start, my business finally started to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I was never taught how to cook. I just \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ from my mother.  
☐ Can you please \_\_\_\_\_ the chocolate wrapper you have just dropped!
- ☐ **A** Can I speak to Kate, please?  
☐ **B** \_\_\_\_\_. I'll just get her.  
☐ When you're riding on the back of a motorbike, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ tight.