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GETTING ON

Language focus 1

Past and present verb forms

1a Match sentence beginnings A with endings B.

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| <p>A</p> <p>1 Vicki's a marketing manager, and</p> <p>2 When I got home last night</p> <p>3 Ben <i>was feeling</i> sorry for himself because</p> <p>4 My sister's <i>trying</i> to</p> <p>5 I <i>haven't been</i> to a football match for ages,</p> <p>6 They've <i>been</i> in this class</p> <p>7 I'm <i>thinking about</i> studying</p> <p>8 When I was young, Dad <i>used to do</i> the shopping</p> | <p>B</p> <p>a he'd <i>just split up</i> with his friend.</p> <p>b abroad next year.</p> <p>c she spends a lot of time <i>sitting</i> in meetings.</p> <p>d since last term.</p> <p>e and Mum did the cooking.</p> <p>f not since England beat Germany.</p> <p>g my flatmate <i>had cooked</i> me dinner!</p> <p>h learn Greek at the moment.</p> |
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b Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- I'm a _____ and I spend a lot of time _____.
- When I got home last night _____.
- This time last year / month / week, I was feeling _____ because I'd/I hadn't _____.
- At the moment, I'm _____.
- I haven't _____ for a long time.
- I've _____ since _____.
- I'm thinking about _____.
- When I was young, _____.

2 Write complete sentences, using the correct Present simple or continuous form and making any other necessary changes.

- I / organise / a party for Clare's birthday. Who / you / think / I should invite?
I'm organising a party for Clare's birthday. Who do you think I should invite?
- What / you / cook? It / smell / wonderful!

- A lot / people / believe / he's very talented but / I / not agree.

- a: Why / you / be / so friendly today?

- b: I'm just / a good mood!

- You / know / Ken? He / be / very interesting. He / work / at the Science Museum.

- I / read / this great book. It / be / about growing up during the 1960s.

3 In this extract from a soap opera script, complete the gaps with the Past simple or Past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

come happen just discuss just try
not tell stop talk think

Duncan and Tessa are talking. Carla comes in and Duncan and Tessa immediately stop. They look guilty. Duncan gets up to go.

Duncan: Hi, Carla. Is that the time? I've got to go. Bye.

Carla: Bye. (looks suspiciously at Tessa) Hi, Tessa. What ¹*were you talking* about when I ²_____ in?

Tessa: Oh, nothing!

Carla: Then why ³_____ ? Come on, tell me.

Tessa: OK. We ⁴_____ Graham's new friend.

Carla: (sitting down suddenly) New friend? When ⁵_____ this _____ ?

Tessa: A few weeks ago.

Carla: Why ⁶_____ me?

Tessa: We ⁷_____ you'd be upset. We ⁸_____ to spare your feelings.

Carla: You'd better tell me all about it.

Tessa: OK. Look, would you like a drink first?

4 Tick the correct ending.

- I've been to the Pompidou Centre twice
 - while I was in Paris.
 - so I don't really want to go there again. ✓
- Denise and Adam have been married for five years
 - and they were very happy.
 - and they're very happy.
- I lost my car keys –
 - I can't find them anywhere.
 - I couldn't find them anywhere.
- How long have you lived on your own
 - in this flat?
 - before you met Lisa?
- Steve's been very depressed
 - last week.
 - all week.
- John worked for the company for ten years
 - and we're sorry that he's leaving.
 - and we were sorry when he left.

5 Circle the correct verb form.

- The teacher **wasn't believing** / **didn't believe** Jack's story about the dog eating his homework.
- Can you smell** / **Are you smelling** burning?
- I **don't remember** / **'m not remembering** where I met Hassan.
- I love this colour. What **are you thinking** / **do you think**?
- Shona **isn't owning** / **doesn't own** her flat, she rents it.
- Can I call you back later? I **'m having** / **have** an English lesson at the moment.
- What's that noise coming from downstairs? Something **is seeming** / **seems** strange to me.
- I **don't like** / **'m not liking** the way they're looking at us.

6 Correct the mistakes. There is one mistake in each sentence.

- started*
- Liam ~~used to start~~ his first job when he was 18.
 - I used to be late for work twice last week.
 - Chloe didn't used to be afraid of flying, but she is now.
 - I used to be hating broccoli when I was little, but now I love it!
 - What's happened to Ben and Mila? They've never used to fight like that.
 - What games used you to play when you were younger?
 - Last weekend I used to go out with my friends.
 - Before I moved here, I had used to live in Ohio.

7 Complete the sentences with the Past simple or Past perfect form of the verb in brackets.

- Paul failed his driving test because he hadn't practised (practise) enough.
- When Jess _____ (see) the car, she couldn't believe Alex had paid so much for it.
- I was feeling a bit upset because I _____ (hear) some bad news about my brother.
- By the time he was 13, Mozart _____ (write) many symphonies.
- I hadn't revised for the exam, so I _____ (not know) what to write.
- Mrs Reynolds _____ (forget) to lock the door and when she came back her house had been burgled.
- I thought I _____ (leave) the report on my desk, but I couldn't find it anywhere.
- When Pierre started watching the film, he realised he _____ (already see) it.

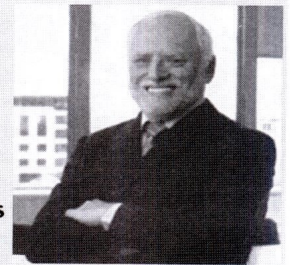
8 Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Child prodigy

Eleven-year-old Nigel Matsuchek ¹*has become* (become) the youngest person ever to be accepted at Oxford University. He ²_____ (celebrate) with his family yesterday after he ³_____ (get) a letter offering him a place to study physics. 'When he heard the post arrive, he ⁴_____ (go) to check it,' explained his mother, 'and when we heard him shout "Yes!" we knew he ⁵_____ (receive) the news he wanted. He ⁶_____ (work) so hard over the last few years and it's what he really wants to do. We ⁷_____ (be) so proud of him.'


Jackie Lane: Live Tonight!

'My next guest ⁸_____ (never have) any problems with getting what he wanted. When he first came to the United States he ⁹_____ (not have) any money and he ¹⁰_____ (work) in a factory during the day and at a nightclub at night to support his family. Now he ¹¹_____ (become) one of the richest people in the world. Between 1997 and 2004, while he ¹²_____ (live) in Florida, he ¹³_____ (manage) two hugely successful e-businesses and he ¹⁴_____ (just write) a best-selling book: *Ten Steps to Success*. This week, he ¹⁵_____ (visit) his business school in Chicago and tonight he ¹⁶_____ (spend) an evening with us. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Simon Bach!



Listen and read

A date with disaster?

9a  1.1 Listen to and/or read the stories and decide who had the worst experience.

b Listen and/or read again and choose the correct name: Celine, Rodrigo, Robert or Claire.

- 1 Who had a date by the sea?
Celine and Rodrigo
- 2 Who had known the other person for some time before the date?

- 3 Who wanted to impress the person they dated?

- 4 Who was much older than the person they dated?

- 5 Who had an accident?

- 6 Who was embarrassed by the other person's behaviour?

- 7 Whose date was very expensive?

- 8 Who went out with the person again?

Vocabulary

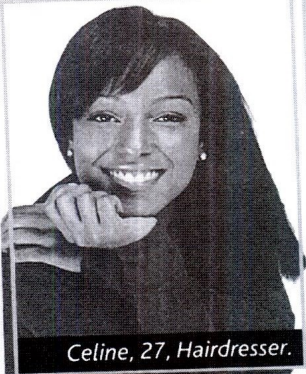
Relationships

10 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

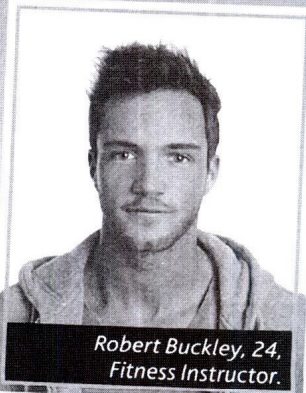
- 1 I've always been very close _____ my sister. We do lots of things together.
a with **b to** c of
- 2 Natalie wasn't enjoying her job after she fell _____ with her boss.
a out b off c on
- 3 Don't listen to them, they're jealous _____ your success.
a of b about c from
- 4 Do you get _____ with your cousins?
a about b of c on
- 5 I hate being around Owen and Liz. They're always putting each other _____.
a on b down c around
- 6 Josh had always been loyal _____ his friend, even when other people didn't believe him.
a to b on c with
- 7 Will always felt threatened _____ his brother's musical abilities.
a from b with c by
- 8 Even as young boys, Mark and Chris would always compete _____ each other.
a with b at c by

A date with disaster?

Have you ever been on a first date with someone you really liked and found that it turned into a disaster before your very eyes? We interviewed two people who have had just this experience.



Celine, 27, Hairdresser.



Robert Buckley, 24, Fitness Instructor.

Celine: The worst first date I've ever had was while I was on holiday in Majorca. I must have been about eighteen, and I met this gorgeous Spanish waiter, Rodrigo. He was a good ten years older than me and had dark brown eyes and black curly hair. Well, after we'd had a few drinks in a local bar, he suggested going for a romantic walk along the beach. Things seemed to be going quite well, even though we didn't have much in common. Then we walked past a couple of guys who were standing at the water's edge talking. When they looked across at us, Rodrigo stared at them aggressively. He asked them what their problem was,

and what they were looking at. They hadn't even been looking at us before that, but he started arguing with them. His behaviour was a real turn-off and made me uncomfortable. I felt so ashamed that I just walked away. I never dated Rodrigo again, as you can imagine.

Robert: She was someone I knew from school and I'd always really fancied her. I had just got a new motorbike, a Suzuki 250, which I was really proud of. So anyway, one Saturday afternoon, I asked her to come out for a ride and we went up to a disused airfield a few kilometres away. There was no one else around, so I started driving with one

wheel in the air and going really fast. Claire said she loved it and could she have a go at riding it. I couldn't see why not - but how wrong can you be?

Once she'd managed to start it and stay upright, she suddenly got a bit over-confident and zoomed off at top speed towards some trees. As I started running after her, I could see that she was losing control of the bike, and a minute later - bang! She went straight into a tree. Claire was a bit shocked and bruised, but my beautiful Suzuki was a wreck and cost me a fortune to repair. We did see each other again, but from then on we stuck to public transport.

Pronunciation

Stressed and unstressed auxiliary verbs

15a Look at the conversations below and decide if the auxiliary verb underlined is stressed (S) or unstressed (U).

- 1 A: How do you feel today? U
 B: Much better, thanks.
- 2 A: Do you love me? —
 B: Of course I do. —
- 3 A: I don't believe it! Chelsea are losing! —
 B: Are they? I thought they'd win this easily! —
- 4 A: She doesn't like me, does she? —
 B: Yes she does, don't be silly. —
- 5 A: Trudi's not a very good singer. —
 B: Yes she is! How can you say that? —
- 6 A: You're not listening to me, love. —
 B: I am listening to you! —

b 1.2 Listen and check.

Wordspot

get

16 Circle the correct form of *get* and complete the gaps with the words in the box.

angry flight job message over
 presents tired work

- 1 I'd like **getting / get / (to get)** a better *job* _____ with a higher salary.
- 2 I **got / 'm getting / have got** the early _____ from London to New York yesterday.
- 3 Sometimes my husband **gets / is getting / was getting** so _____ he can't keep his eyes open.
- 4 The children never **get / used to get / are getting** many _____ on their birthdays because we couldn't afford much.
- 5 **Do you get / Did you get / Were you getting** the _____ I left on your answerphone?
- 6 I **got / was getting / get** to _____ very late this morning, so my boss wasn't pleased.
- 7 A: How are you?
 B: Much better, thanks. I think I **got / get / 've got** _____ my cold now.
- 8 My brother **had got / was getting / got** _____ when I told him I couldn't help him.

Language live

Responding to how people feel

17a Insert a word from the box into each response below.

a any down how ignore matter
 mind must no to sounds up

- 1 A: I'm sorry! I've spilt my coffee all over your tablecloth.
 B: Never *mind* χ . It's easily washable.
- 2 A: I can't stop thinking about Helen's operation.
 B: Try not worry about it. There's nothing you can do.
- 3 A: The kids at school keep laughing at my hair.
 B: Don't take notice of them.
- 4 A: I think my boss heard me saying that he annoys me.
 B: He probably didn't hear you. There's point in getting upset about it.
- 5 A: I've got to have four teeth out tomorrow.
 B: That awful!
- 6 A: My son is going into hospital for tests next week.
 B: You be really worried.
- 7 A: I can't believe we're not going to have you as our teacher any more.
 B: Cheer! Your new teacher's really nice.
- 8 A: I just can't do it! I'm too nervous! Someone else will have to give the speech.
 B: Calm! You'll be fine.
- 9 A: Andy said my dress makes me look fat!
 B: Just him. You look perfect!
- 10 A: Our car won't be ready until the weekend.
 B: Annoying!
- 11 A: I'm so sorry. I completely forgot to bring that book you wanted to borrow.
 B: Don't worry, it doesn't.
- 12 A: The date was going really well, until he started telling me about his political views.
 B: What shame! I guess you won't be seeing him again, then.

b 1.3 Listen and check.