

TEST 4 Past and perfect tenses (Units 16-20)

Test 4A

Read the conversation. Then look at the answers below and write the correct answer in each space.

Tessa: Hello, Robert. I (►) *haven't* seen you for ages.

Robert: Hello, Tessa. Great to see you. What have you (1)..... doing lately?

Tessa: (2)..... just started a new job in computer software.

Robert: You (3)..... working for Tuffex Plastics when we last met.

Tessa: That's right. I hadn't (4)..... working there long before I got fed up. I

(5)..... realized what a horrible job it would be. But what about you?

(6)..... you found a job?

Robert: Well, six months ago I (7) working for a car hire company, but then they (8)..... bankrupt. So I'm out of work now.

(9)..... been looking around for another job.

Tessa: Well, I'm sure you'll find one soon.

► a) didn't b) hadn't c) haven't d) wasn't

1 a) been b) had c) has d) was

2 a) I'd b) I'll c) I'm d) I've

3 a) did b) had c) have d) were

4 a) be b) been c) done d) had

5 a) didn't b) hadn't c) haven't d) wasn't

6 a) Did b) Had c) Have d) Were

7 a) been b) had c) have d) was

8 a) go b) going c) gone d) went

9 a) I'd b) I'll c) I'm d) I've

Test 4B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

► Susan had a green dress on. (wearing)

Susan was wearing a green dress.

1 The doctor began work at six o'clock and is still working. (has)

2 Rupert didn't have his credit card. (forgotten)

3 I didn't want to go without taking a photo. (until)

4 Nancy has been writing the report. It is finished now. (written)

5 My wait in the queue has lasted forty minutes so far. (I)

6 When we arrived, everyone was on the dance floor. (dancing)

7 The computer has been mine for four years. (had)

8 In the middle of our lunch there was a knock at the door. (when)

9 Nigel felt sick from eating too many cakes. (because)

Test 4C

Write the sentences correctly.

- I like this CD. ~~I've been having it for ages.~~
I've had it for ages.

- 1 It was my first day back at work. ~~I was on holiday.~~
- 2 I'm quite tired now. ~~I play badminton~~
- 3 I had to sit down. ~~I'd been havig a shock~~
- 4 You need a rest. ~~How much have you been working?~~
- 5 The robbery happened at midday. ~~Lots of people walked along the street outside.~~
- 6 My sister speaks good English. ~~She is practising her English since last summer.~~
- 7 At last I have my qualification. ~~I've been passing my exam.~~
- 8 Michelle looked really sunburnt. ~~She'd lie in the sun for too long.~~
- 9 We got to the coach stop at nine yesterday. ~~But the coach has already gone.~~

Test 4D

Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

- A: *Did you buy* (you / buy) anything at the antiques sale yesterday?
B: No. / *wanted* (I / want) to buy some jewellery, but *I'd left* (I / leave) my credit card at home.
- 1 A: Are you still copying those addresses?
B: No, that's all of them..... (I / finish) now.
 - 2 A: The train is never going to get here.
B: How long..... (we / wait) now?
A: At least half an hour..... (we / be) here since ten to five.
 - 3 A: Did you have a nice chat with Tessa?
B: No, not really. When..... (we / drink) our coffee,
..... (she / hurry) off home.
 - 4 A: It's terrible about that plane crash, isn't it?
B: Yes, awful..... (I / have) breakfast when
..... (I / hear) the news.
 - 5 A: So you sing in a rock band, do you? How long..... (you / do) that?
B: Oh, since I was sixteen. (we / do) about a dozen concerts.
 - 6 A: Do you know what Polly was so upset about yesterday?
B: No, I don't. But I'm sure..... (she / cry). Her eyes looked red.
A: Perhaps (she / have) some bad news.
 - 7 A: The shooting was very frightening, I suppose.
B: It certainly was. When we..... (hear) the shot,
we all (throw) ourselves to the floor.

TEST 5 Present and past tenses (Unit 21)

Test 5A

Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

- A: Are you ready?
B: I won't be a moment. *I'm doing* (I / do) my hair.
- 1 A: Could you tell me your address?
B: Well, (I / live) in a friend's house at the moment.
Luckily (I / find) a place of my own now, but I can't move in until next week.
- 2 A: Is this your CD?
B: No, it isn't mine. (I / think) (it / belong) to Peter.
- 3 A: Can I borrow your calculator, please?
B: Well, (I / use) it to work out these figures at the moment. (I / want) to finish doing them, now that (I / start).
- 4 A: Why can't you wash your dirty plates sometimes? (you / leave) them in the sink most of the time.
B: OK, sorry. The last few weeks (I / have) so little time (I / rush) around all the time.

Test 5B

Read the story and write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

One day a man was (►) *walking past* a house in Bournemouth when he (1) a woman's voice shouting for help. The man (2) someone (3) probably trying to murder her. He ran to a phone box and (4) the police. The police came quite quickly, but by now the shouting had (5) However, the man (6) quite sure that he (7) heard cries for help. When the police (8) on the door, there was no answer. So they broke down the door and went in. Inside the house was a woman who had just (9) out of the shower. She explained to the police that she had (10) singing along to the Beatles song 'Help!'.

Test 5C

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Begin with the word in brackets. ►
Our trip to Africa was in October. (We ...) *We went to Africa in October.*

- 1 We've had ten hours of rain. (It...)
2 It's the right thing to do in my opinion. (I...)
3 Our sofa is in a different place now. (We...)
4 It was breakfast-time when Susan rang. (I...)
5 Their game of badminton is always on Tuesday. (They...)

Test 5D

Write the correct answer in each space.

- This isn't my first visit to London. *I've been* here before.
 a) I'm b) I've been c) I was
- 1 I've got my key. I found it when for something else.
 a) I looked b) I've looked c) I was looking
- 2 Sorry, I can't stop now..... to an important meeting.
 a) I go b) I'm going c) I've gone
- 3 I can't get Tessa on the phone..... all afternoon.
 a) I'm trying b) I try c) I've been trying
- 4 The bank told me last week there was no money in my account. it all.
 a) I'd spent b) I spent c) I was spending
- 5 There's a new road to the motorway..... it yesterday.
 a) They'd opened b) They opened c) They've opened

Test 5E

Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (V). If it is incorrect, cross the unnecessary word out of the sentence and write it in the space.

- ? Martin has changed his mind about next weekend. V
 ? We were enjoyed the holiday very much. were
- 1 Nancy is practising on the piano.
 2 It was lucky that we had been decided to buy our tickets in advance.
 3 We were riding our bikes when suddenly I was felt a pain in my leg.
 4 We are go camping for three weeks every summer.
 5 They have planted some new trees last year.
 6 I suddenly realized I had been walking in the wrong direction.
 7 Did you know that Anna has been won a prize?
 8 No one told me that the goods had arrived the week before.

Test 5F

Complete the news report. Put each verb into the correct form.

The actress Vanessa Kemp (►) *has disappeared* (disappear). Yesterday she (1)..... (fail) to arrive at the Prince Charles Theatre in London's West End for her leading role in the comedy 'Don't look now!'. Ms Kemp, who (2)..... (live) in Hampstead, (3)..... (leave) home at four o'clock yesterday afternoon for the theatre, a journey she (4)..... (make) several times the week before. Two people who (5)..... (walk) past her home at the time (6)..... (see) her leave. But no one (7)..... (see) her since then. At half past seven she still (8)..... (not / arrive) at the theatre. At eight o'clock the theatre manager had to break the news to the audience, who (9)..... (wait) patiently for the play to start. Since yesterday, theatre staff and friends (10)..... (try) to contact Ms Kemp, but they (11)..... (have) no success so far. The police (12)..... (take) the matter seriously, but they (13)..... (believe) that she is unlikely to be in any danger. Her friends all (14)..... (want) to hear from her soon.