

TENSES

Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day (1) when I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was (1) and a light wind (2) blowing from the south-west. I was pleased that it (3) raining. I knew by now that I (4) like rain. In fact I (5) it.

I (6) along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a cafe where people (7) having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I (8) down for five minutes and (9) a drink. Now it (10) getting warmer, so I (11) stop for long because I (13) to reach Seabury by lunch-time. (14) I finally got there, it (15) just after half past twelve.

Put in the present perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

► I've had (have) these shoes since my eighteenth birthday.

► I tidied (tidy) my desk, but now it's in a mess again.

1 The last time I (go) to Brighton was in August.

2 I'd like to meet a ghost, but I (never / see) one.

3 I've finished my homework. I (do) it before tea.

4 And the race is over! And Micky Simpson (win) in a record time!

5 I (work) for a computer company for a year. That was after college.

6 What time (you / get) to work this morning?

7 Martin (be) to Greece five times. He loves the place.

8 The President (come) out of the building and is going to make a speech.

9 You won't believe this, but I've got some tickets for the concert. ~ Oh, well done. How (you / get) them?

10 Of course I can ride a bike. But I (not / ride) one for years.

11 Marilyn Monroe (be) in about thirty films.

12 (you / ever / bake) your own bread? ~ No, but I might try it some time.

13 Janet (be) very ill three years ago.

14 Rupert has left a message for you. He (ring) last night.

15 (you / see) the news today? ~ No, not yet. I'll watch it at ten.

16 We moved here in 1993. We (be) here a long time now.

Decide which word is correct.

► I'd like to borrow this book. Has Anna read it yet?

1 a) done b) for c) just d) yet

1 Ben writes very quickly. He's finished his essay.

a) already b) been c) for d) yet

2 What are you going to do? ~ I don't know. I haven't decided

a) just b) long c) since d) yet

3 I've to London. I went there in June.

a) been b) gone c) just d) yet

4 Have you done any skiing?

a) ever b) for c) just d) long

5 My boyfriend hasn't rung week.

a) for b) last c) since d) this

6 I haven't seen that coat before. How have you had it?

a) already b) for c) long d) since

7 The girls have to the cinema. They won't be back until ten o'clock.

a) already b) been c) gone d) just

8 I haven't seen my parents last Christmas.

a) already b) before c) for d) since

This is the first I've ever lived away from home.

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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?

Robert: You (3) just started a new job in computer software.

Tessa: That's right. I hadn't (4) working for Tuffex Plastics when we last met.

Robert: Well, six months ago I (7) bankrupt. So I'm out of work now.

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

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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

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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)
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