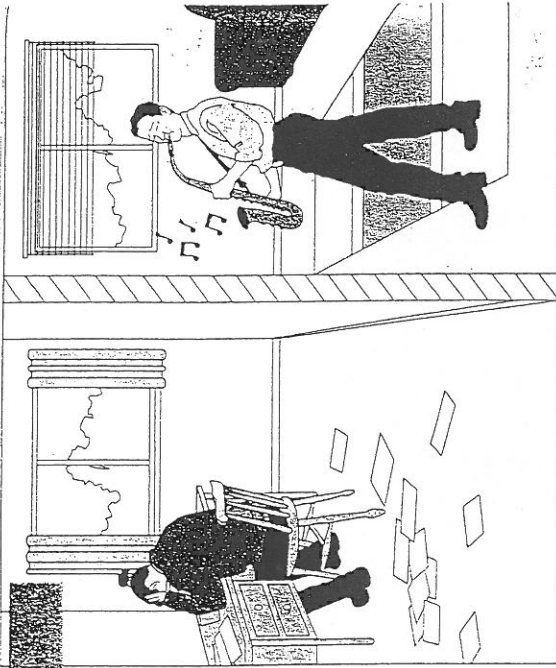


PAST AND PERFECT TENSES



Context listening

- You are going to hear two people called Mike and Lucy talking to each other. Before you listen, look at the picture. How do Mike and Lucy know each other?
- What is Lucy's problem?

2 Listen and check if you were right.

3 Listen again and write Mike and Lucy's exact words. Stop the recording when you need to.

- What does Mike say about finishing work? Mike says 'I finished at lunchtime today'
- What does he say about this afternoon? He says '.....'
- What does Lucy say about finishing her essay? She says '.....'
- When does she say she started it? She says '.....'
- What does Mike say about studying history? He says '.....'
- How long has Lucy lived next door? She says '.....'
- How long has Mike lived there? He says '.....'
- Why is Mike surprised? He says '.....'

4 Look at your answers to Exercise 3 and answer these questions.

- Look at answers 1, 4 and 5. What tense are they?
- Look at answers 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. What tense are they?
- Which sentences are about a period of time which is still continuing?
- Which sentences are about a period of time which is finished?

Grammar exercises

1 Match these sentence halves.

- 1 He's talked to her on the phone j
- 2 This summer the pool was only open a for years.
- 3 The whole team felt exhausted b on my way home from work yesterday.
- 4 The rent of my flat has gone up c since nine o'clock this morning.
- 5 She's had nothing to eat d when the match finished.
- 6 I got very wet e ever since she was very young.
- 7 I spent a month in Brazil f by 20 per cent this year.
- 8 She's always enjoyed painting g a few minutes ago.
- 9 I haven't had such a good time h from April till September.
- 10 The post arrived i in 1992.

2 Fill in the gaps with the present perfect or the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 This is only the second time I ve ever flown (ever fly) in an aeroplane.
- 2 The child (sleep) from seven till seven without waking once.
- 3 Gabriella (grow) five centimetres since last month.
- 4 I (send) Ed three emails last week but he (not reply) to any of them yet.
- 5 (you learn) to play chess when you were a child?
- 6 I (buy) this bicycle five years ago and I (use) it every day since then.
- 7 How long (you have) that bad cough?
- 8 The train (just arrive), so hurry and you might catch it.
- 9 I (never see) such a beautiful rainbow before.
- 10 I (dream) about a beautiful desert island last night.
- 11 On Sunday we (meet) outside the cinema as usual.
- 12 When (you get) that jacket? I (not notice) it before.