

TENSES

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. I 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.*

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

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.