



Past tenses; Present and past habits

1 Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- He for ages. He can't have much more to say, can he?
a has been talking b was talking c had been talking
- I doing my homework when the fire alarm went off.
a had just finished b have just finished c had just been finishing
- We the train when we realised we hadn't got our tickets.
a was getting on b were about to get on c have got on
- I the homework, but our professor remembered and asked us to hand it in on our way out.
a wouldn't mention b haven't mentioned c wasn't going to mention
- They had hundreds of emails to read when they from their holiday.
a had got back b got back c have got back

2 Complete with the correct form of these verbs.

study • make • buy • save up • do • attend

I (1) communication at university so far this year. Since I started, I (2) some very interesting lectures. One professor in particular makes the talks very entertaining. While she talks I take notes in my notebook. However, I have noticed a lot of students (3) notes on their tablets. I have thought about buying a tablet but I'm not sure which model is best. I (4) enough to buy one and I (5) that last month. Then a friend told me about a good deal on mobile phones and I (6) a new phone instead.

3 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- The band rehearsing at least three times week.
- My father used to be a scientific researcher, but now he's a public speaker.
- They were always talked in the library so the librarian has banned them for a month.
- I will always checking my emails at least twice a day.
- He checks his Facebook account once a week.

4 Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do not change the meaning.

- She waves her hands around when she talks and it's a bit annoying. ALWAYS
.....
and it's a bit annoying.

- My mum says she wasn't so assertive when she was my age. NOT USE TO
.....
when she was my age.

- They meet once a week to catch up on the latest news. WILL USUALLY
.....
to catch up on the latest news.

- People didn't communicate by phone as much so there was more face-to-face interaction. NOT USE TO
.....
so there was more face-to-face interaction.

- When I was younger I went to the park at the weekend and played by the lake for hours. WOULD
.....
by the lake for hours.

5 Complete with the correct form of these verbs.

go • study • have • hang out • imagine • live • eat • not realise • usually go out • always tell

First year nerves?

Worried about starting college or university? Nervous about making friends? Don't be, it's easier than you think.

I (1) at this college for over a year now and I love it. At first, my main worry was whether I would make friends easily and that turned out to be the easy part. I lived in college during my first year, which was a lot easier than I (2)

I (3) in the cafeteria and join anyone who I recognised. We had a communal seating area too and people (4) there in the evenings and chat. Obviously, I got to know the other students on my course quite well because we studied together. Our professors (5)

..... us to do as much research and reading as we could. As a result, a few of us (6)

..... regular study nights. Social and sporting clubs are another place to meet people. I signed up to four sports clubs in the first week but then I found that things clashed. One night I (7) rowing when I realised I had a tennis match at the same time. In the end, I had to drop two clubs and focus on my favourites.

The biggest difficulty was money! I (8) that living within my budget would be so hard. I (9) with my parents before I started college so I didn't have to pay for anything.

This year I'm sharing a flat with three friends. We study hard because we want to do well but we (10) on a Friday or Saturday night to have some fun and relax.