

Verb Tense review: Exercises

- 1) Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive)
 - A. Look! Sara (go) _____ to the movies.
 - B. On her right hand, Sara (carry) _____ her handbag.
 - C. The handbag (be) _____ very beautiful.
 - D. Sara usually (put) _____ on black shoes but now she (wear) _____ white trainers.
 - E. And look, she (take) _____ an umbrella because it (rain) _____

- 2) Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or past perfect)
 - A. When he (wake up) _____, his mother (already /prepare) _____ breakfast
 - B. We (go) _____ to London because our friends (invite) _____ us
 - C. He (hear) _____ the news, (go) _____ to the telephone and (call) _____ a friend.
 - D. When she (start) _____ learning English she (already /learn) _____ French.
 - E. Jane (already / type) _____ three pages when her computer (crash) _____ .
 - F. By the time the doctor (arrive) _____ at the house the patient (die) _____ .
 - G. Before that day we (never / think) _____ of traveling to Japan.
 - H. I (know) _____ him a long time before I (meet) _____ his family.
 - I. They (not / know) _____ where to meet because nobody (tell) _____ them.
 - J. It (be) _____ cloudy for days before it (begin) _____ to rain.

- 3) Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect).
 - A. I (just / finish) _____ my homework.
 - B. Mary (already / write) _____ five letters.
 - C. Tom (move) _____ to his home town in 1994.
 - D. My friend (be) _____ in Canada two years ago.
 - E. I (not / be) _____ to Canada so far.
 - F. But I (already / travel) _____ to London a couple of times.
 - G. Last week, Mary and Paul (go) _____ to the cinema.
 - H. I can't take any pictures because I (not /buy) _____ a new film yet.
 - I. (they / spend) _____ their holidays in Paris last summer?
 - J. (you / ever / see) _____ a whale?

- 4) Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).
 - A. The receptionist (welcome) _____ the guests and (ask) _____ them to fill in the form
 - B. The car (break) _____ down and we (have) _____ to walk home.
 - C. The boys (swim) _____ while the girls (sunbath) _____ .
 - D. My father (come) _____ in, (look) _____ and (tell) _____ me to tidy up my room.
 - E. While one group (prepare) _____ dinner the others (collect) _____ wood for the campfire.
 - F. While the parents (have) _____ breakfast the children (run) _____ about.
 - G. Martha (turn) _____ off the light and (go) _____ to bed.