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**Exercise 7:** Fill in the blanks with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Example: We have known each other for a long time. (know)

1. The boys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that movie before. (see)

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Space Museum? (be)

3. The rain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yet. (not stop)

4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a motorcycle. (ride)

5. Mr. Wong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this company since 1980. (work)

**Exercise 8:** Identify the tense of the verbs in the following sentences.  
(a) present tense (b) simple past tense (c) present perfect (d) past perfect

1. California leads the country in college enrollment.
2. More than 1.9 million students attended public and private college last year in California.
3. New York was second in total enrollment with 1 million college students.
4. College officials attribute California's large total enrollment to its huge enrollment of community college students.
5. Last year, more than 1 million students had enrolled in California's public, two-year colleges.
6. More students attended California's two-year colleges alone than attended both two- and four-year schools in New York.
7. More than half the students in California colleges describe themselves as members of minority groups.
8. New Hampshire, Maine and North Dakota reported the smallest percentages of minority students last year.
9. Minority enrollment gradually has increased in the past decade throughout the country.
10. College officials expect total college enrollment next year at 15 million.

**Exercise 9:** Choose the present simple or present continuous for the verbs in these texts.

1 Fletcher (pass) to Coles who (shoot) just over the bar. United (attack) much more in this half...

2 A man (come) home late one night after the office Christmas party. His wife (wait) for him, and she (say) to him...

3 Now that the rice (cook) you (chop up) the carrots and tomatoes and you (put) them in a dish...

**Exercise 10:** Choose a verb with either the present perfect or past simple for these sentences.

Agree appear continue disappear move reach show solve write

1 Research has shown that cycling can help patients overcome their illnesses.

2 The rabbit ……………..just in my garden one day last week.

3 With this promotion, I feel that I……………… a turning point in my career.

4 Oh, no! My car !

5 Quite early in the negotiations, they………………… to lower the prices.

6 In 1788 he ………………..his last great work in Vienna.

7 There's not much more to do, now that we the main problem.

8 Throughout the summer of 1980 Malcolm………… to divide his time between London and

New York.

9 When he was 13, his parents ………………..to the United States.

**Exercise 11:** Find the following: (i) three sentences that are incorrect; (ii) three sentences with the present perfect which could also have the past simple (consider the difference in meaning); (iii) three sentences where only the present perfect is correct.

1 Jane has agreed to lend us her car. (II)

2 Do you know how many people have walked on the moon?

3 Phone for an ambulance. I think Keith's broken his arm.

4 In his twenties, Lawrence has spent many years travelling around Spain.

5 The Vikings have established a settlement at what is now York, in the north of England.

6 The house looks so much bigger now that we've painted the walls in brighter colours.

7 My brother has gone into town to buy some new shoes.

8 The Earth has been formed about 4,500 million years ago.

9 I've worked in Malaysia for three years.

**Exercise 12:** Complete these sentences with the verb given. Choose the present perfect or past simple.

1 According to yesterday's newspapers, astronomers in Australia …………a planet in a galaxy close to our own. (discover)

2 To help today's customers make a choice, a company in New York………. a video trolley -a supermarket trolley with a video screen to display advertisements and price information,(develop)

3 At the start of his career, Cousteau …………..the aqualung, opening the oceans to explorers, scientists, and leisure divers, (invent)

4 He proudly told reporters that the company…………… software to prevent the recent increase in computer crime, (produce)

5 John Grigg ………….the comet now called Grigg-Skjellerup, at the beginning of the 20th century, (discover)

**Exercise 13:** Put а tick or correct the sentences.

1 Terry drove to Glasgow last week to visit his father.

2 I have known a woman once who had sixteen cats.

3 Ann Baker already did four radio interviews about her new book.

4 Julia felt hungry. Then she has remembered the salad in the fridge.

5 I'll introduce you to Dr Davies - or have you met her before?

6 We've had enormous problems recently with ants in the kitchen. We just can't get rid of them.

7 I have talked to her yesterday about doing the work.

8 They still live in the small house they have bought 30 years ago.

9 You have not yet explained clearly what you want me to do.

10 We lived in Newcastle for three years now and like it a lot.

**Exercise 14:**  Complete this story by Julius Lester. Choose the correct forms of the words given in the brackets.

Brer Rabbit (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (decided/ had decided) gardening was too much hard

work. So he (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (had gone/ went) back to his old ways of eating from every

body else's garden. Earlier, he (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (made/ had made) a tour through the

community to see what everybody (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (had been/was) planting that

summer and his eye (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (was/ had been) caught by Brer Fox's peanut patch.

Soon as the peanuts (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (had been/ were) ready, Brer Rabbit (g) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (decided/ had decided) to make his acquaintance with them. Every night he (h) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (had eaten/ ate) his fill and even started bringing his family. Brer Fox (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (had/ had had) a good idea who was eating his peanuts, but he couldn't catch him. He inspected his fence and finally (j) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (had found/found) a small hole on the north side. He tied a rope with a loop knot and put it inside the hole. If anybody (k) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (stepped/had stepped) in it, the rope would grab his leg and hoist him up in the air.

That night Brer Rabbit (l) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (came/ had come) down to the peanut patch. He climbed through the hole and WHOOSH! Next thing he (m)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(had known/knew), he was hanging in the air upside down. There (n)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(wasn't/ hadn't been) a thing he could do, so he made himself comfortable to catch a

little sleep!

**Exercise 15:** Complete the sentences with one of these verbs: be, enjoy, have, live. Use the same verb for each sentence in the pair. In one, you can use only the past simple; in the other you can use either the past simple or the past continuous. (C)

1 a It was now getting late, and my eyes trouble focusing on the birds in the disappearing light,

b I trouble with that car the whole of the time I owned it.

2 a As a historian, I'm interested in how people in the past.

b During that hard winter, people by selling what few remaining possessions they had.

3 a She very good at talking to children in a way that kept them entertained.

b Before the party, the children got very excited and naughty.

4 a He learning Japanese until the class had a new teacher.

b Even when he was young, Jonathan learning languages.

**Exercise 16:** If the underlined verbs are correct, put an S. If they are wrong, correct them using either the past continuous or the present perfect continuous as appropriate.

1 I was expecting the book to end happily, but in fact it was really sad. /

2 The opposition groups were fighting the government on this issue for years, but so far without success.

3 The protesters have been campaigning for some months now to prevent the new road being built.

4 He has been looking nervous until I told him to sit down and relax.

5 Work to repair the bridge has been continuing throughout this summer.

6 Before she retrained as a computer programmer she has been working as a secretary.

7 I was receiving the magazine for some time and enjoy reading it immensely.

8 I was turning to leave when she said, 'Maybe you'd like to stay for dinner.'

**Exercise 17:** Underline the correct answer.

1 Alice felt very pleased with herself. She had found/ I found what she was looking for.

2 'Where are we?' had asked/ I asked Martha.

3 By the time I got back to the bathroom, the bath had overflowed/ I overflowed.

4 She walked into the station only to find that the train had left/ I left.

5 I was just about to leave when I had remembered/ I remembered my briefcase.

6 My sister told me that Joe had died/ I died.

7 He had looked /I looked at his watch again and began to walk even faster.

8 In a surprise move, the Prime Minister had resigned/ I resigned last night.

**Exercise 18:** Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs, using the same one for each sentence in the pair. Use the past perfect continuous if it is possible; if not, use the past perfect.

1 a She took a bottle from the bag she ………….all the way from home.

b The avalanche……. them 500 metres down the mountain but no-one was hurt.

2 a We………… for visas well before our departure date, but still hadn't heard anything by the day we were due to leave,

b She………… for jobs, without success, since leaving university.

3 a He ……………all the way from New York to see me.

b When the plane was diverted, it………… from London to Frankfurt.

4 a She………………….. for the same company since she qualified.

b He ………………..finally his way up from the shop floor to a management position.