Mixed tenses exercises

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Past tenses, present perfect, past perfect

Exercise 1: 30 points

Choose the correct tenses.

............................................. Frank in Toronto?
a) Did you meet  b) Have you met  c) Were you meeting

He had a break after he ........................................ for two hours.
a) was walking  b) had been walking  c) has walked

I ............................................. her for a long time.
a) know  b) have known  c) have been knowing

We ............................................. the windows and the car on Saturday morning.
a) were cleaning  b) cleaned  c) have been cleaning

I ............................................. in York for a week in 1998.
a) worked  b) have been working  c) have worked

I ............................................. you in your office with a girl!

Really? We ............................................. .
a) saw - 've just talked  b) 've seen - just talked  c) saw - were just talking

How many cupboards ............................................. since yesterday?
a) did they move  b) have they moved  c) have they been moving

As he ...................................... a bike, a dog .......... him.
a) was riding - bit  b) rode - bit  c) was riding - has bitten

When the dog .............. him, he ..................... his bike.
a) was biting - fell off  b) bit - was falling off  c) bit - fell off

I didn't notice that you ..................................... .
a) had come  b) came  c) have been coming

I can't stand it anymore. I .................................... the dishes yet?
a) Has he washed  b) Has he been washing  c) Did he wash

They ............................................. a hotel in York, but then

they ............................................. it.
a) have bought - sold  b) bought - have sold  c) bought - sold

She couldn't play yesterday because she ...........

............................................. her ankle the day before.
a) have sprained  b) sprained  c) had sprained

I can't find Todd. Where is he? - He ..............

............................................. in the garage.
a) 's been working  b) worked  c) was working

She ............................................. books on the shelves all day. That's why she is so exhausted.
a) was putting  b) has put  c) has been putting

The sun ............................................. and we ............................................. on the white sand.
a) shone - were lying  b) was shining - were lying  c) shined - lay

You ............................................. at last! Where ..............

............................................. so long?
a) arrived - have you been  b) have arrived - have you been  c) arrived - were you

I was so relaxed because I ..................................... anything all day.
a) have not been doing  b) didn't do  c) had not been doing

What's your teaching experience? ..............

............................................. anyone?
a) Have you ever taught  b) Did you ever teach  c) Have you ever been teaching

She's hurt her arm. - When ......................... it?
a) has she hurt  b) has she hurted  c) did she hurt

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Where is Mum? - She .......................................
the shopping all the morning.
a) has done  b) has been doing  c) was doing

At 9.30 I ....................... a documentary on TV.

It ........................................ at 9.20.
a) was watching - had started  b) watched - has
started  c) watched - started

Exercise 2:  30 points

Use past tenses, present perfect or past perfect
tenses to complete these sentences.

We ............................... in Bristol from January
to March. (stay)

Where is my wine? Someone ..........................
my wine! (drink)

When you .......................... you
........................................ fast? (crash, drive)

I'm sorry. Dad isn't here. He ..........................
our neighbour's flat since the morning.
(decorate)

What a nice coat! Where ............ you ............ it?
(buy)

At 6 o'clock he ............................ there
for three hours! (sit)

I want to learn French. But I ..........................
yet. (not start)

We didn't want to spend our holiday in Strobl
because ............. already ............. there. (be)

What ............. you ............................. ?
You are so dirty! (do)

Oh, no! I .......................... my way. What
shall I do? (lose)

Jim .......................... the dishes after dinner.
The kitchen sink is full of plates. (not wash)

She ............................. three clients since
the morning. (contact)

I couldn't help you. I ..........................your
problems. (not understand)

Does he know about it? ............. you .............
him yet? (tell)

Bill admitted that he ..........................
the catalogue to the agency. (not send)

As soon as I ............................ the message,

I ............................ my house. (get, leave)

While Maggie ........................ a new jumper,

Jill and I ............................... . (knit, read)

Here he is! He ............................ for me all the
time, he ........................... for Ann! (not look, wait)

 ............. you in your room at 5.30? - Yes,

I think I .......................... my suitcase. (be, pack)

Nice to meet you! I .......................... you for
10 years. What ............. you .......................... all this time? (not see, do)

He .......................... , but he'll be back home
today. The doctors .......................... to cure
him. (die, manage)

After we .......................... to the top of
the hill we had a great view of the bay. (climb)

The pigeon finally delivered the news after it
.......................... for the whole day. (fly)

TOTAL 60 points