Mixed tenses

Test 2. Past tenses, present perfect, past perfect

Exercise 1: 30 points

Choose the correct tenses.

Frank in Toronto?
- Did you meet  
- Have you met  
- Were you meeting

He had a break after he .................................
- was walking  
- had been walking  
- has walked

I ................................................ her for a long time.
- know  
- have known  
- have been knowing

He had a break after he .................................
- was walking  
- had been walking  
- has walked

I ................................................ in York for a week in 1998.
- worked  
- have been working  
- have worked

I ................................................ you in your office with a girl!
- saw - 've just talked  
- 've seen - just talked  
- saw - were just talking

How many cupboards ................................ since yesterday?
- did they move  
- have they moved  
- have they been moving

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

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

I didn't notice that you .................................
- had come  
- came  
- have been coming

I can't stand it anymore. I ................................ the furniture since breakfast.
- am polishing  
- have been polishing  
- have polished

Has he washed  
- has he been washing  
- Did he wash

They ................................ a hotel in York, but then
- have bought - sold  
- bought - have sold  
- bought - sold

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

She ........................................ her ankle the day before.
- have sprained  
- sprained  
- had sprained

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

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

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

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

I was so relaxed because I .......................... anything all day.
- have not been doing  
- didn't do  
- had not been doing

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

She's hurt her arm. - When ......................... it?
- has she hurt  
- has she hurted  
- did she hurt

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

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
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Answer key - test 2

Exercise 1: 30 points
(1 point for each form)
a Did you meet  
b had been walking  
b have known  
b cleaned  
a worked  
c saw - were just talking  
b have they moved  
a was riding - bit  
c bit - fell off  
a had come  
b have been polishing  
a has he washed  
c bought - sold  
c had sprained  
a 's been working  
c has been putting  
b was shining - were lying  
b have arrived-have you been  
c had not been doing  
a have you ever taught  
c did she hurt  
b has been doing  
a was watching - started

Exercise 2: 30 points
(1 point for each form)
We stayed/were staying  
Someone has drunk  
When you crashed, were you driving  
He has been decorating  
Where did you buy  
he had been sitting  
But I haven't started  
we had already been  
What have you been doing  
I've lost  
Jim didn't wash  
She has contacted  
I didn't understand  
Have you told  
hadn't sent  
As soon as I got-I left  
While Maggie was knitting-Jill and I were  
reading  
He hasn't been looking-he has been waiting  
Were you-I was packing  
I haven't seen-What have you been doing  
He was dying-The doctors have managed  
After we had climbed  
it had been flying

Total 60 points

Great! .......................................... 54 points
Very good ..................................... 48 points
Good ............................................. 42 points
I'm sorry ...................................... 1 - 41 points

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