

Perfect Tenses Exercises 2

A. Use the correct tense (The Present Perfect / The Present Perfect Progressive)

1. The children are at the park. They _____ (play) ball for the last two hours, but they don't seem to be tired yet.
2. Tom _____ (sleep) in the downstairs bedroom only once. He usually sleeps upstairs in the bedroom he shares with his brother.
3. Since tea time Eleni _____ (do) sums in her exercise book. She _____ (do) fifty.
4. They _____ (pull) down most of the houses in this street, but they _____ (not touch) the old shop at the corner yet.
5. I wonder if anything _____ (happen) to Ben. I _____ (wait) for an hour now. He _____ (often / keep) me waiting but he _____ (never / be) quite so late as this.

B. Put the verbs in the correct form using the past perfect or past simple as appropriate. Use the continuous forms if necessary

1. Jack _____ (graduate) in 1987. He _____ (spend) two years applying for jobs before he _____ (be offered) the one he _____ (want).
2. Tom _____ (look) for the right person to be his wife for five years before he _____ (meet) _____ and (fall) in love with Sally.
3. Mary _____ (have) a nervous breakdown last year but no one _____ (be) surprised because she _____ (work) much too hard for months.
4. A: Why _____ (you / not go) to see the film at the Odeon last week? I _____ (think) you _____ (like) Paul Newman.
B: Because I _____ (already / see) it. I _____ (watch) it when it _____ (be) on in London.
5. John _____ (receive) treatment for two years before he finally _____ (be told) he _____ (be cured).