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The tense system Auxiliary verbs *have/have got*

No place like home

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1 Identifying tenses

1 Write in the correct verb form, active or passive, using the verb in the box.

walk

- 1 A How did you get here?
B We **walked**. It didn't take long.
- 2 Our baby Jack _____ now. He's a year old.
- 3 I need to have a rest. We _____ non-stop for four hours.

take

- 4 It was a hard match. At half-time, one of the footballers _____ to hospital.
- 5 This shirt fits me. I _____ it.
- 6 My dog looked guilty. He _____ some food from the kitchen table.

have

- 7 We need a new car. We _____ this one for ages.
- 8 We _____ a lovely picnic until my wife was stung by a bee.
- 9 Don't phone at 8.00. We _____ dinner then.

make

- 10 Our sandwiches _____ freshly _____ daily.
- 11 Have you heard about Lenny? He _____ redundant.
- 12 By the time I'm forty I _____ enough money to retire.

wash

- 13 A Where are my jeans?
B They _____ at the moment.

- 14 My favourite white T-shirt went pink. It _____ with my daughter's red jumper.
- 15 Simon was all wet because he _____ the car.
sell
- 16 My sister earns a good salary. She _____ computer software.
- 17 If no one offers to buy the house, it _____ by auction next month.
- 18 I wish I'd bought that antique chair I saw in the shop window. I'm sure it **will have been sold** by now.
teach
- 19 At the end of this term I _____ for six years.
- 20 The children _____ how to make cakes when one boy dropped his bowl on the teacher's foot.

2 Complete the tense chart with the verb forms from exercise 1.

Active	Simple	Continuous
Present		
Past	walked	
Future		
Present Perfect		
Past Perfect		
Future Perfect		
Passive	Simple	Continuous
Present		
Past		
Future		
Present Perfect		
Past Perfect		
Future Perfect	will have been sold	

2 Correcting mistakes

Correct the sentences.

I'm working

- 1 I ~~work~~ hard at the moment because I have exams next week.
- 2 It's really cold lately, so I've bought a new winter coat.
- 3 Arsenal play really well at the moment. Their new player has real talent.
- 4 I've heard you'll have a baby! Congratulations.
- 5 I was doing my homework when my friend was calling.
- 6 When I was a little girl, I've always spent my pocket money on sweets.
- 7 I went out with Paulo for two years now, and we're still crazy about each other.
- 8 I can't decide what to buy my brother for his birthday. Perhaps I'm going to get him a new shirt.
- 9 A one-day strike has called by London Underground workers for Friday this week.
- 10 The teacher said that Megan had been working hard and was deserved to pass all her exams.

3 Choosing the right tense

Tip Read the telephone conversation between Sophie in New Zealand and Rob in Britain. Put the verbs into the correct tense. Sometimes there is more than one answer.

Phoning home

R Hello?

S Rob! It's me! How (1) _____ you _____ (do)?

R Sophie? What a nice surprise! Where (2) _____ you _____ (phone) from?

S I (3) _____ (stay) in a hotel in Auckland at the moment, and I (4) _____ just _____ (find) this payphone, and I (5) _____ (want) to actually speak to you for a while, so ...

R Well, it (6) _____ (be) great to hear your voice. I (7) _____ (miss) you so much. I'm glad you (8) _____ (be) home in a few days. I can't wait!

S Me, neither. But I (9) _____ (send) you lots of emails and letters, haven't I? I (10) _____ (write) you another long email today, but it isn't finished yet. And I (11) _____ (buy) you some fantastic presents!

R Good. I'm glad to hear it! And next time I hope you (12) _____ (not leave) me here and I hope we (13) _____ (be able) to go on holiday together!

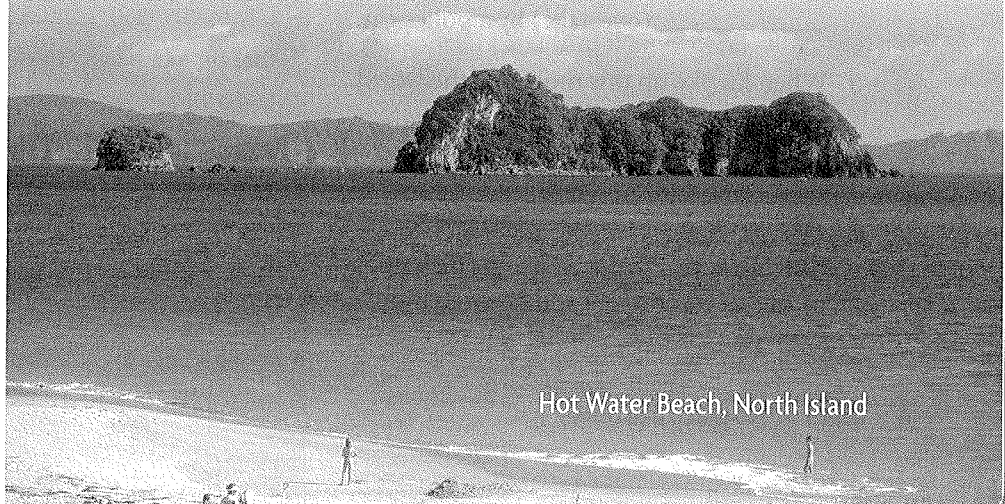
S Of course we will! But Rob, I (14) _____ never _____ (visit) such a beautiful place in all my life. Do you know where we (15) _____ (go) yesterday? It was a place called Hot Water Beach. It (16) _____ (be) fantastic. We (17) _____ (dig) holes in the sand and (18) _____ (sit) in hot, bubbling water up to our necks!

R Sounds amazing! Lucky you!

S Oh, I (19) _____ really _____ (look forward) to seeing you again on Friday. See you at the airport at 8.30. Don't forget!

R I (20) _____ (wait) there with open arms! Safe journey, sweetie. Love you.

S Love you too. Bye.



Hot Water Beach, North Island