

- 1** Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs in the box. Use one in the past simple and the other in the past continuous.

not answer/drive meet/do you queue/get
rain/not go see/wait walk/start

- I _____ you this morning while I _____ for the bus.
- I _____ the dog when it _____ snowing.
- We first _____ at university. We _____ the same degree.
- Sorry I _____ the phone earlier. I _____.
- It _____ this morning, so we _____ for a walk.
- How long _____ before you _____ into the exhibition?

- 1** Complete the conversations with the words in the box. Use one verb in the past simple and one in the past perfect.

already start/arrive book/look
not join/already eat work/become

- A:** Where did you two meet?
B: At work. But we _____ together for years before we _____ friends.
- A:** Did you get to the meeting in time?
B: No, they _____ by the time I _____.
- A:** _____ you _____ tickets for the concert?
B: Yes, after I _____ on about 20 websites.
- A:** Why _____ you _____ us for lunch earlier?
B: I _____. I wasn't hungry

- 2** Complete the stories with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

While she ¹_____ (celebrate) her grandparents' golden wedding in Stafford, UK, ten-year-old Laura Buxton ²_____ (release) a balloon with a note attached. The note asked the person who found the balloon to write back. Ten days later she ³_____ (receive) a reply. The girl, who ⁴_____ (find) the balloon while she ⁵_____ (play) in her garden 140 miles away, was also called Laura Buxton and was ten years old.

A couple ⁶_____ (have) an argument in a restaurant when the woman ⁷_____ (throw) a drink over the man. A few seconds later she ⁸_____ (slip) on the drink and ⁹_____ (hurt) her back. She later ¹⁰_____ (receive) over \$100,000 in compensation because the restaurant ¹¹_____ (not / clean up) the liquid quickly enough. The manager said that the staff ¹²_____ (try) to stop the argument at the time.

- 2** Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use past simple or past perfect.

The best year of my life

I ¹_____ (start) university when I was 20, by which time I ²_____ (already / spend) a year travelling. I ³_____ (think) it would be good to have a gap year and get away from studying for a while and it was also a chance to go travelling. I ⁴_____ (always / want) to go to the US, so I ⁵_____ (decide) to work for six months and then spend a few months in the US. I ⁶_____ (previously / work) part-time in a shop when I was at school, so I ⁷_____ (get) a full-time job there and ⁸_____ (start) to earn the money for my trip. After I ⁹_____ (save up) enough money, I bought my ticket and finally set off.

- 3-Complete with the correct past tense:**

be be become die get leave live
meet not stop retire say work write

Japan is the country with the most centenarians: over 50,000. It is also where Jiroemon Kimura, the man with the longest lifespan ever, ¹_____ born in 1897, the year that Bram Stoker ²_____ *Dracula*. Kimura ³_____ school at fourteen and ⁴_____ a job in a post office. While he ⁵_____ there, he ⁶_____ his future wife Yae. He ⁷_____ a postal worker for 45 years when he ⁸_____ in 1962. But he ⁹_____ working! He ¹⁰_____ a farmer! In an interview just before he ¹¹_____ at the age of 116, he said he wasn't sure why he ¹²_____ so long. 'Maybe it's thanks to the sun,' he ¹³_____. 'I'm always looking up to the sky!'



Sometimes the world can make us ¹¹ _____ (think) that life is all about _____ (work) hard and having fun, but that's not as simple as it sounds. I tend ¹² _____ (spend) all my time working and studying, and at the end of every day I feel like ¹³ _____ (sleep) for a week! The magazines all recommend ¹⁴ _____ (get on) with our busy lives, but I am now trying ¹⁵ _____ (spend) more time thinking about my happiness. Now, there are three days I don't study, and I do something nice like go to the cinema or the beach. It's what I call 'me time'. My friends all admire me for ¹⁶ _____ (have) the strength to worry less about achievement and more about how I feel. _____ (Be) happy and healthy is about ¹⁷ _____ (make) time for yourself!