Revision of Tenses

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 How long _____ (you / work)? You're exhausted, and I _____ (think) you should stop!

2 If only politicians _____ (understand) the lessons of history.

3 In Star Wars, a boy _____ (grow up) to become the most evil Jedi in history.

4 Yesterday, Mike _____ (tell) me he _____ (complete) the project ages ago.

5 If I _____ (not choose) to learn Mandarin when I _____ (be) 12, I _____ (not work) for the biggest corporation in China now.

6 When she was younger, she _____ (drink) six cups of coffee every day.

7 The conference _____ (finish) at 17.15, if all _____ (go) well.

8 How many exercises _____ (you / complete)?

I _____ (still / have) four more left.

2 Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair. In some cases, both may be correct.

1 ☐ My neighbour's always playing the same song really loud.
☐ My neighbour always plays the same song really loud.

2 ☐ Macao used to belong to Portugal. Now it belongs to China.
☐ Macao used to belong to Portugal. Now it is belonging to China.

3 ☐ Will you be discussing pay rises in tomorrow's meeting?
☐ Will you discuss pay rises in tomorrow's meeting?

4 ☐ You can stop telling your story. I'm not believing you.
☐ You can stop telling your story. I don't believe you.

5 ☐ Where did you go on holiday this summer?
☐ Where were you going on holiday this summer?

6 □ Aunt Jemma passed away after a long illness on 29 November.
□ Aunt Jemma was passing away after a long illness on 29 November.

7 □ Thanks for explaining the situation. I'm understanding it better now.
□ Thanks for explaining the situation. I understand it better now.

8 □ What do your parents do for a living?
□ What are your parents doing for a living?

3 Complete the sentences with the correct perfect form of the verbs in the box. In some cases, there may be more than one correct answer.

open	build	see	capture	speak	sell	study	depart

1 The company _____ the new stadium before the World Cup begins next summer.
2 A new department store _____ recently in our neighbourhood.
3 When I took the exam, I _____ English for more than 12 years.
4 By this time next year, they _____ over a million units on the Internet.
5 I'm not sure I _____ to your manager in person before last week's conference.
6 The ruins _____ people's imagination for centuries.
7 It was probably the best performance I _____ until now.
8 By the time the delayed bus service reached the airport, the plane _____ .

4 Choose the correct answer.

1 Goods ordered through the Internet *deliver/are delivered* weekly from our warehouse.
2 After being dormant for decades, the volcano *erupted/was erupted* with unexpected force.
3 Caution! The door may only *open/be opened* in an emergency!
4 The new terminal *is building/is being built* on the outskirts of the city at the moment.
5 Applications have to *submit/be submitted* in writing by the end of the month.
6 Constance and Frederic were *marrying/married* at 2.30 on 1 June 2002.
7 All the *Mission Impossible* films so far *have starred/have been starred by* Tom Cruise.
8 We expected them at four, but their train *arrived/was arrived* at half past six.
9 Both *The Lord Of The Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies *were directed by/directed* Peter Jackson.
10 I've never *elected/been elected* for any important positions in my life.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 Steven Spielberg's latest film _____ (come out) last month, but I _____ (not see) it yet.
2 At present, the old theatre building _____ (convert) into a nightclub. They _____ (work) on it for the past three months.
3 Throughout history, writers _____ (imprison) for the contents of their books, and this _____ (happen) even now in some places.
4 Yesterday, I _____ (have to) go back home because I _____ (leave) my books in my room.
5 We're so late! By the time we _____ (arrive), the meeting _____ (finished).
6 In 2014, $20 billion _____ (invest) in infrastructure projects. This _____ (lead to) the creation of 5,000 new jobs.
7 I _____ (work) on this essay all morning, but I don't think I _____ (finish) it by the time you get here.

6 Choose the correct option.

Hi Tom,

How are things at university? Still having fun? I can't believe that by the end of the month (1) *you'll have been / you'll be* in Bristol for a year. Time flies! Have you found a new house yet? Last time I saw you, (2) *you were sleeping / you slept* on a friend's sofa while you looked for your own place. Not great for studying! Talking about which, recently (3) *I've been reading / I have read* a fascinating book about Chinese history. I'm halfway through it, but I'll lend it to you when (4) *I've finished / I'll finish* it. (5) *It recommends / It was recommended* to me by Tina, the girl (6) *I have been telling / I was telling* you about last time I saw you. Actually, (7) *we've been seeing / we saw* a lot of each other lately. (8) *We've been out / We went out* on a date last week to the cinema. Actually, I was late for it so (9) *she'd been waiting / she was waiting* for half an hour by the time I got there. Not a good start! After (10) *we'd seen / we've seen* the film, we went for a bite to eat. (11) *She wasn't feeling / She hadn't felt* very well though, so (12) *she had gone / she went* home early. At least that's what she told me! (13) *We're going / We go* ice skating tonight. Hopefully, (14) *I won't have broken / I won't break* my neck by the time you come back!

Anyhow, hope all's well and see you next week,

Martin