TIME & TENSE · PART 4

Exam day

the whole area, PAU style

PAU English · Use of English · Transformations

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WARM-UP · 3 MINUTES

Spot the mistake

1 I live in Seville since 2019.

2 When I was little, we would live near the sea.

3 I’m used to get up early now.

4 By the time I arrived, the film started.

One mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it with your partner.

CHECK

Spot the mistake

1 I **have lived** in Seville since 2019.

Part 1 · started and still true

2 When I was little, we **used to live** near the sea.

Part 2 · live is a state

3 I’m used to **getting up** early now.

Part 2 · be used to + -ing

4 By the time I arrived, the film **had started**.

Part 3 · past perfect

THE WHOLE AREA

Four families, one exam

How long?

FOR · SINCE · AGO · LAST · BEEN

I have lived here for five years.

Then and now

USED · USE · WOULD

I used to play the piano.

Accustomed

USED · GETTING · GOT

I’m getting used to the noise.

Which came first?

TIME · UNTIL · ONCE · SOON · ALREADY

By the time I arrived, she had left.

THE METHOD

Four questions before you write

1 · Meaning

What happened, and when? Is it still true?

2 · Family

Which family does the given word open?

3 · Tense

Line or dot? Over or normal now? Which came first?

4 · Details

Every word of the original is still there. Nothing added.

YOUR TURN · 2 MINUTES

Which family?

SINCE	WOULD	GETTING	TIME
AGO	UNTIL	USE	LAST

How long? · Then and now · Accustomed · Which came first?

CHECK

Which family?

How long?

SINCE · AGO · LAST

Then and now

WOULD · USE

Accustomed

GETTING

Which came first?

TIME · UNTIL

Careful: **USE** appears in questions and negatives: *didn’t use to*, *did you use to…?*

ROUND 1 · 6 MINUTES

One from each family

1

I haven’t been to the theatre since March.

LAST

_____

2

My grandmother didn’t have a mobile phone when she was young.

USE

_____

3

Wearing glasses felt strange to Tom at first.

At first, Tom wasn’t…

_____

4

The shop closed before I got there.

TIME

_____

CHECK · ROUND 1

Answers

1	I **last went** to the theatre in March.	also: The last time I went… was in March
2	My grandmother **didn’t use to have** a mobile phone when she was young.	did + use, no -d
3	At first, Tom wasn’t **used to wearing** glasses.	be used to + -ing
4	**By the time** I got there, the shop **had closed**.	past perfect required

ROUND 2 · EXAM CONDITIONS · 7 MINUTES

Mixed, like the PAU

5

It’s two years since they moved to Granada.

FOR

_____

6

As children, we went to the same beach every August.

WOULD

_____

7

I only understood the problem when my teacher explained it.

UNTIL

_____

8

Living in a small flat is no longer difficult for them.

GOT

_____

CHECK · ROUND 2

Answers

5	They **have lived** in Granada **for** two years.	also: have been living
6	As children, we **would go** to the same beach every August.	go = a repeated action
7	I **didn’t understand** the problem **until** my teacher explained it.	only… when → not… until
8	They **have got used to living** in a small flat.	process complete + -ing

BE THE EXAMINER

What mark would you give?

I started learning the guitar three years ago. **(BEEN)**

a I have been learning the guitar for three years. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

b I have been learning the guitar since three years. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

c I am learning the guitar since three years. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

BEFORE YOU WRITE

Three questions to ask yourself

1 What is the **meaning**, and which **family** does the given word open?

2 Which **tense**: line or dot, over or normal now, first or second?

3 Did I keep **every detail** and add nothing?

Homework: PAU English AI Lab → Time & Tense → «Mixed PAU practice» and «Exam simulation»