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Been there, got the T-shirt!

Simple or continuous verb forms?

1 Present Perfect Simple or Continuous?

Match the lines to make sentences.

	A	B
1	a He's written	three magazine articles so far.
	b He's been writing	a travel blog since he left home.
2	a They've missed	you lots, so come home soon.
	b They've been missing	the bus again.
3	a Paula's been leaving	work early to run some errands.
	b Paula's left	work early all this week.
4	a I've lost	weight recently.
	b I've been losing	my car keys.
5	a She's been talking	on the phone for ages.
	b She's talked	about this subject before.
6	a The cat's been going	next door to have its dinner.
	b The cat's gone	upstairs.
7	a He's had	a heart attack.
	b He's been having	second thoughts about the job.
8	a I've been saving up	to buy a brand new 52-inch TV.
	b I've saved up	about £500.
9	a I've been swimming,	20 lengths today.
	b I've swum	which is why my hair is wet.
10	a I've been finding	my cheque book at last.
	b I've found	it hard to concentrate recently.

2 Turning mountains of rubbish into gold.

Read the article and (circle) the correct verb form.

Turning mountains of rubbish into gold

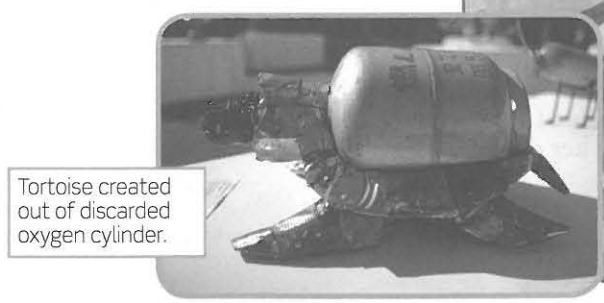
Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world, but unfortunately it is one of the messiest, too. Nearly 4,000 people [1] *have climbed / have been climbing* the 29,035-feet Mount Everest since the New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing first [2] *scaled / were scaling* its heights in 1953. But, unlike Hilary and Tenzing, these adventure tourists [3] *have dumped / have been dumping* tonnes of used equipment on Everest's slopes. Buried under snow in the winter, this junk is revealed in summer when the snow [4] *melts / is melting.*

However, now 15 Nepalese artists [5] *turn / are turning* the junk into art. They [6] *have worked / have been working* for a month to transform eight tonnes of Everest rubbish into 75 sculptures, which [7] *are now shown / are now being shown* at a hotel in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.

The rubbish used in the artworks [8] *was collected / was being collected* by Sherpa climbers. It [9] *includes / is including* old rope, tent poles, oxygen cylinders, drink cans, and even the remains of a helicopter. Kripa Rana Shahi, the project organizer, [10] *looked / was looking* for a way to spread awareness about keeping Everest clean when she [11] *had / was having* the ingenious idea of recycling the rubbish as works of art. She believes that Everest is Nepal's 'crown jewel'.

The sculptures [12] *range / are ranging* in price from $15 to $2,300. A percentage of the money [13] *will have gone / will be going* to the artist and the rest to the Everest Summiteers Association (ESA).

'Garbage on Everest is shameful.' says ESA chief, Wangchu Sherpa. 'We [14] *try / are trying* to turn it into gold here.'



Tortoise created out of discarded oxygen cylinder.



Mount Everest's rubbish turned into an art exhibition.

3 Present Perfect and Past Simple

Look at the Wallenda family's history. Complete the questions and answers.

The Flying Wallendas
Seven generations of performers



1700s	The Wallenda family began their career as circus performers.
Late 1800s	The Wallendas were known throughout Europe as the masters of the flying trapeze.
1920	Karl Wallenda first walked the tightrope without a net.
1928	All the Wallendas performed at Madison Square Garden where they walked the tightrope without a net after it was lost in shipping.
1944	The whole family fell off the tightrope in Ohio and survived. Thereafter, they became known as The Flying Wallendas.
1962	Two family members died when a seven-person pyramid went tragically wrong.
1963	Karl's sister-in-law, Rietta, fell to her death aged 43.
1978	Karl died after falling from a tightrope strung between two hotels in Puerto Rico. He was 73.
1979	Nik Wallenda was born in Sarasota, Florida.
1985	Nik decided he would walk a tightrope over the Niagara Falls one day – he was only six years old!
2001	The Flying Wallendas set a Guinness World Record with the first ever eight-person pyramid.
2012	Nik Wallenda fulfilled his childhood dream by walking a tightrope across the Niagara Falls.
2013	Nik Wallenda completed a quarter-mile-long tightrope walk, 1,500 feet over the Grand Canyon.

1 How long have the Wallenda family been performing?
Since _____ .

2 What _____ the Wallendas _____ as in the late 1800s?
The masters of the flying trapeze.

3 Why _____ the Wallendas _____ without a net?
Because they lost it in shipping.

4 What _____ to the whole family in Ohio?
They _____
_____ .

5 How long _____ they _____ The Flying Wallendas?
_____ 1944.

6 _____ Rietta when she _____ to her death?
Only 43.

7 Where and when _____ Nik _____ ?
In Sarasota _____ .

Simple or continuous review

4 Niagara daredevil

1 Read the news article and (circle) the correct verb form.

Friday June 15

NIAGARA DAREDEVIL

Tomorrow will be a historic day if Nik Wallenda [1] *becomes / is becoming* the first person in more than a century to cross the Niagara Falls from the US to Canada on a tightrope.

For nearly 30 years, Wallenda [2] *has tried / has been trying* to persuade the Niagara Parks Commission in Canada to let him walk across the Falls. At last, he [3] *has granted / has been granted* permission for the stunt to take place.

Daredevil Nik is a member of The Flying Wallendas, a family of circus performers spanning seven generations, who already [4] *holds / is holding* six Guinness World Records. He [5] *started / was starting* tightrope walking at the age of two and now has over 30 years' experience.





To prepare for the event, a team of firefighters [6] *were spraying / have been spraying* gallons of water at high pressure to replicate the power of spray from the Falls. Also, he [7] *has blasted / has been blasted* by a wind machine with gusts of up to 44 miles per hour. As Nik says, [8] '*We play / We're playing* with Mother Nature and Mother Nature has a mind of her own.'

Nik [9] *traverses / will be traversing* a 1,500-foot tightrope, which [10] *will be suspending / will be suspended* 200 feet above the roaring Falls. He says he loves the sensation of peace and calm that he [11] *feels / is feeling* in the plumes of mist from the surging water.

Unbelievably, Nik [12] *didn't want / wasn't wanting* to wear a safety harness, but ABC TV, who [13] *broadcast / are broadcasting* the event, would not risk the possibility of a man falling to his death [14] *showing / being shown* on live TV.

2 Complete the sentences. Use each verb twice, once in a simple and once in a continuous tense, active or passive.

1 rain

It **was raining** quite heavily when Nik Wallenda crossed the Niagara Falls on his tightrope.
It **rained** for days and our road was flooded.

2 perform

Cirque du Soleil _____ at the Royal Albert Hall since November.
David _____ so well in his school play that he got a standing ovation.

3 have

I _____ dinner with friends tonight.
They _____ three children, two boys and a girl.

4 think

You look worried. What _____ about?
I _____ it's time you had a haircut.

5 bang

I couldn't sleep because the garden gate _____ in the wind all night!
Ouch! I _____ just _____ my head on the cupboard door.

6 read

I _____ this book since the summer and I still haven't finished it!
I was thrilled when I _____ your email. What wonderful news!

7 fight

I _____ long and hard for my pay rise.
Where did you get that black eye from? _____ with your brother again?

8 expect

Could you get off the phone? I _____ a call.
I _____ you are studying hard for your exams at the moment.

9 decorate

Helen's house _____ at the moment so she's staying with a friend.
Their house _____ in a minimalist style.

10 lose

I think I must _____ my mind. I can't even remember what we did last weekend.
Kate is going on her honeymoon next week and she _____ her passport!

Passive

5 Present Perfect passive

1 Rewrite the sentences using the passive and omitting the subject.

1 The bin men have already collected the rubbish.

The rubbish **has already been collected.**

2 Have the workmen repaired the street lights yet?

_____ ?

3 The government has just passed some new anti-drug laws.

Some new anti-drug laws _____ .

4 The local council hasn't built any new homes for 20 years.

No _____ .

5 Nobody has watered the plants.

The plants _____ .

2 Rewrite the headlines using the Present Perfect passive.

1 **Rat Alert at Buckingham Palace**
Rats have been found at Buckingham Palace.

2 **Banker Bonuses Slashed**
_____ .

3 **Dramatic Rescue of Fishermen in Pacific**
_____ .

4 **Monsoon Kills over 400 in Pakistan**
_____ .

5 **Theft of Dalí Painting in New York**
_____ .

6 **Ancient Pyramids Discovered in Sudan**
_____ .

7 **Missing Teenager Alive**
_____ .

8 **Council Shock – 464 Jobs Axed!**
_____ .

6 *have something done*

1 Look at the difference in meaning between these sentences:
I've repaired my bicycle. = I repaired it myself.
My bicycle has been repaired. = Someone repaired it. (The action is important, not who did it.)
I've had my bicycle repaired. = I arranged/paid for someone to repair it for me. (*have* + object + past participle)

2 *Have something done* is used to talk about services that you ask someone else to do.
I'm going to **have my hair cut.**

1 Rewrite the sentences using *have something done.*

1 John's kitchen is being decorated.

He's having his kitchen decorated.

2 My sister wants someone to pierce her ears.

She wants to _____ .

3 My eyes are going to be tested.

I'm going to _____ .

4 Mr and Mrs Turner's car has been serviced.

They _____ .

5 Our television hasn't been repaired yet.

We haven't _____ .

2 It's Melanie and Ken's wedding day. Look at the notes and write sentences about what they *have had / are having done.*

They've had the invitations printed.

She ...

He ...



Listening

7 Off the beaten track

1 Listen to the radio programme. What do the three people do? Where did they visit?



Kay Morris



Vicky Smith



Gary Braithwaite

a _____ c _____ e _____

b _____ d _____ f _____

2 Listen again. Write **KM**, **VS** or **GB**. Who talks about … ?

1 an uninteresting hotel
2 a love of old western films
3 catching food to eat
4 the warm response they received from the local people
5 a sheltered childhood
6 a room with a beautiful view

3 Are the following statements true (✓) or false (✗)?

1 ☐ *Off the Beaten Track* is a radio programme that looks at different places to visit on holiday.
2 ☐ Kay has 13 years' experience in the travel business.
3 ☐ Vicky would prefer to stay in a hotel when she goes travelling from now on.
4 ☐ The Austrian hospice was much cheaper than the hotel.
5 ☐ When Gary first landed in America, he found it didn't live up to his childhood expectations.
6 ☐ The Navajo Nation feels like its part of the USA.

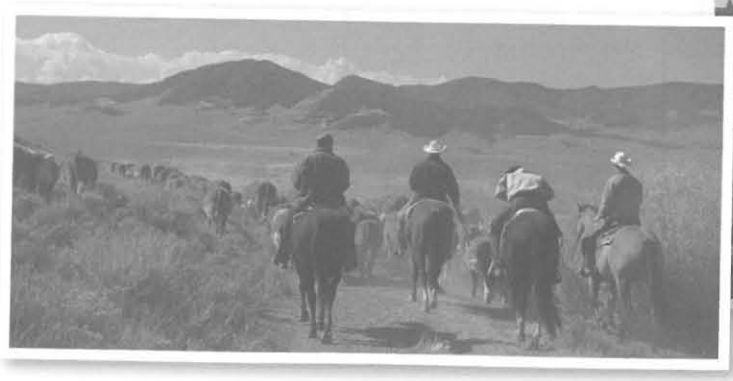
Vocabulary

4 The words below are all used in the listening. What collocations can you make by combining an adjective in **A** with a noun in **B**.

A	B
stunning	fire
friendly	terrace
romantic	welcome
enchanting	tourist
adventurous	views
sunlit	haunt
crackling	destination
interesting	places
enthusiastic	hotel
five-star	atmosphere
perfect	alternatives







Vocabulary

8 Travel and transport words

1 Tick the verbs which go with each form of transport.

	car	bus	bike	train	plane	ship/ ferry
get into/out of						
get on/off						
take off						
land						
ride						
drive						
catch						
miss						
board						
park						

2 Complete the table below with the nouns in the box. Some can go into more than one column.

runway	platform	seat belt
helmet	harbour	carriage
traffic lights	life jacket	service station
season ticket	trolley	tyres
track	horn	port
one-way street	check-in desk	traffic jam
baggage rack	timetable	hand luggage
Customs	deck	traffic warden
cabin	aisle/window seat	cycle lane
security check	ticket inspector	overhead locker

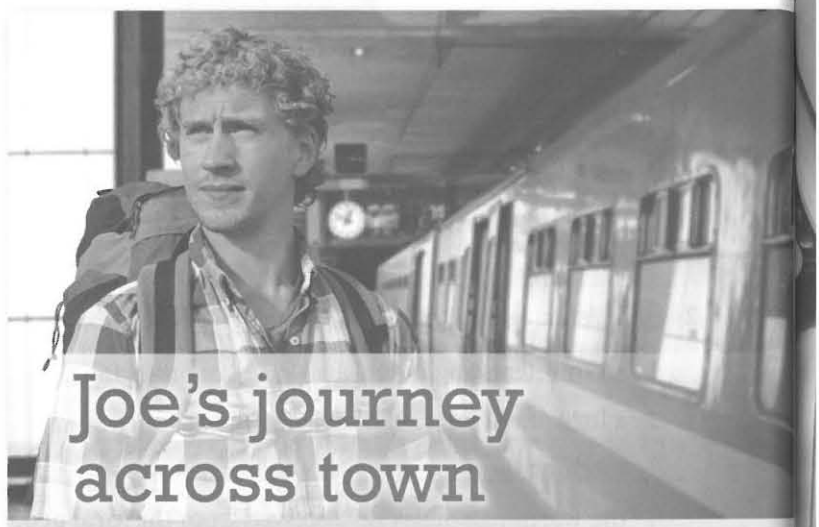
car	bus	bike
train	**plane**	**ship/ferry**

Prepositions

9 Prepositions of movement

Complete the text with prepositions from the box. Use each preposition at least once.

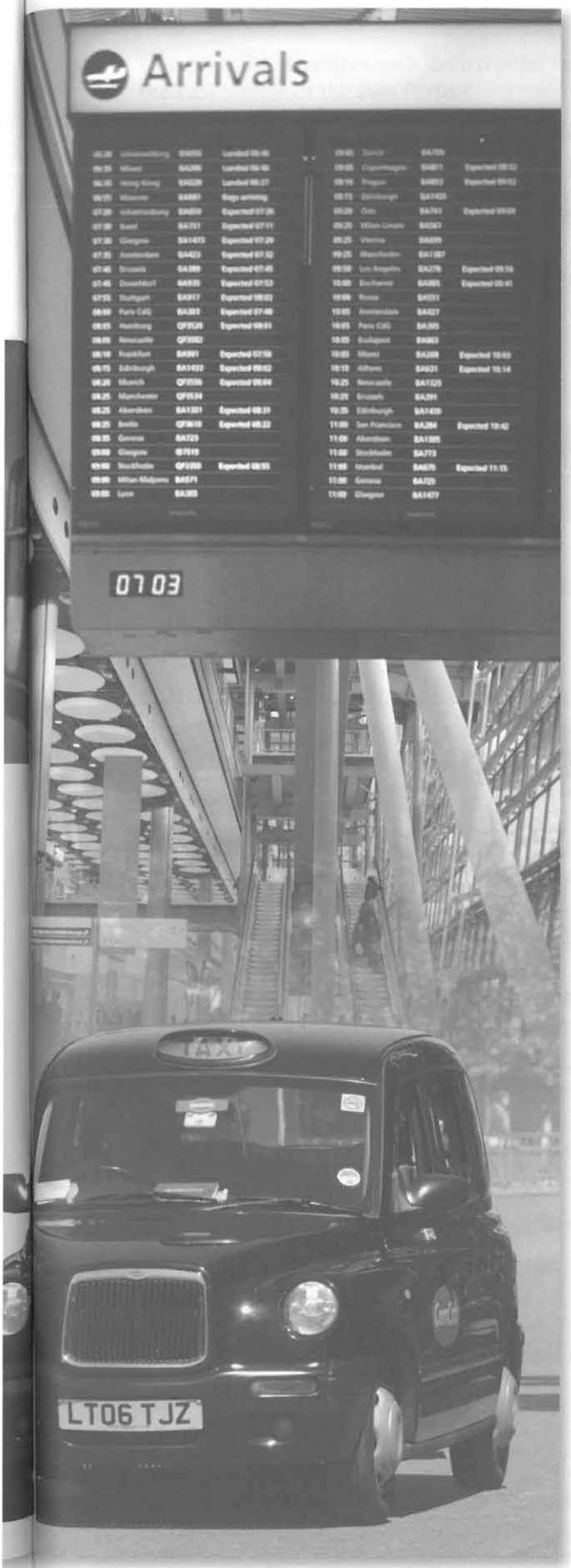
across	against	on	onto
along	in	off	into
up	out of	over	through
past	to	towards	at



Joe's journey across town

Joe's plane landed on time [1] _____ Heathrow airport. He had exactly one hour to get [2] _____ the airport and [3] _____ the centre of London to catch his train [4] _____ Manchester. He hurried [5] _____ customs and passport control, and then raced [6] _____ the taxi sign at the exit.

Unfortunately, at that moment, the strap on his rucksack broke and it fell [7] _____ his back and [8] _____ the ground. Dirty socks, shirts, and underpants spilled all [9] _____ the airport floor. Joe was so embarrassed! He stuffed everything back [10] _____ his rucksack and, pushing his way [11] _____ the crowds of people, finally made it [12] _____ the taxi rank. He jumped [13] _____ the nearest taxi, shouting 'Euston Station, quickly, please!' The taxi set off at such speed that Joe was thrown forward, hitting his face [14] _____ the glass partition. The taxi sped on and finally arrived [15] _____ the city centre, and inevitably, the middle of a traffic jam! It would be quicker to walk. Joe paid the driver, leapt [16] _____ the taxi and ran [17] _____ the pavement, [18] _____ all the brightly-lit shop windows. At last he could see the station opposite, but it was difficult to get [19] _____ the road because of all the traffic. He reached the station just as his train was leaving. He jumped [20] _____ the barrier, raced [21] _____ the platform, and leapt [22] _____ the train with seconds to spare. He sighed with relief – he would be home in time for Christmas.



Pronunciation

10 Word stress

1 Here are pairs of words in phonetic script. Look at the stress marks. Transcribe them.

▶▶ **Phonetic symbols p100**

1 /ɪkˈsplɔːrə/ /eksplə'reɪʃn/

2 /ˈpɒlətɪks/ /ˌpɒləˈtɪʃn/

3 /ˈfəʊtəgrɑːf/ /fəˈtɒgrəfə/

4 /ˈlʌkʃəri/ /lʌgˈʒʊəriəs/

5 /prɒˈdjuːs/ /prəˈdʌkʃn/

6 /dʒəˈpæn/ /dʒæpəˈniːz/

Listen and practise saying them.

2 What is the stress pattern of the words in exercise 1? Write them in the chart.

●●	●●●	●●●
	explorer	
●●●	●●●●	●●●●
	exploration	

3 Write the words in the box in the chart above.

instructor	destination	illegal
adrenaline	community	reject (v)
success	backpacker	Bangladesh
paradise	infinite	packaging
scientists	Philippines	charity
disappointment	European	pollute
spectacular	afternoon	complain
memorial	Cambodia	emergency
authentic		

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