

Present and past

Units 1–14, Appendix 2

2 Choose the right alternative.

- 1 Everything is going well. We didn't have / haven't had any problems so far.
(haven't had *is right*)
- 2 Margaret didn't go / hasn't gone to work yesterday. She wasn't feeling well.
- 3 Look! That man over there wears / is wearing the same sweater as you.
- 4 Your son is much taller than when I last saw him. He grew / has grown a lot.
- 5 I still don't know what to do. I didn't decide / haven't decided yet.
- 6 I wonder why Jim is / is being so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.
- 7 Jane had a book open in front of her but she didn't read / wasn't reading it.
- 8 I wasn't very busy. I didn't have / wasn't having much to do.
- 9 Mary wasn't happy in her new job at first but she begins / is beginning to enjoy it now.
- 10 After leaving school, Tim found / has found it very difficult to get a job.
- 11 When Sue heard the news, she wasn't / hasn't been very pleased.
- 12 This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you are / you've been here?
- 13 I need a new job. I'm doing / I've been doing the same job for too long.
- 14 'Ann has gone out.' 'Oh, has she? What time did she go / has she gone?'
- 15 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I've played / I've been playing basketball.'
- 16 Where are you coming / do you come from? Are you American?
- 17 I'd like to see Tina again. It's a long time since I saw her / that I didn't see her.
- 18 Bob and Alice have been married since 20 years / for 20 years.

3 Complete the questions using a suitable verb.

- 1 A: I'm looking for Paul. ...Have you seen... him?
B: Yes, he was here a moment ago.
- 2 A: Why ...did you go... to bed so early last night?
B: Because I was feeling very tired.
- 3 A: Where?
B: Just to the post box. I want to post these letters. I'll be back in a few minutes.
- 4 A: television every evening?
B: No, only if there's a good programme on.
- 5 A: Your house is very beautiful. How long here?
B: Nearly ten years.
- 6 A: How was your holiday? a nice time?
B: Yes, thanks. It was great.
- 7 A: Julie recently?
B: Yes, I met her a few days ago.
- 8 A: Can you describe the woman you saw? What?
B: A red sweater and black jeans.
- 9 A: I'm sorry to keep you waiting. long?
B: No, only about ten minutes.
- 10 A: How long you to get to work in the morning?
B: Usually about 45 minutes. It depends on the traffic.
- 11 A: with that newspaper yet?
B: No, I'm still reading it. I won't be long.
- 12 A: to the United States?
B: No, never, but I went to Canada a few years ago.