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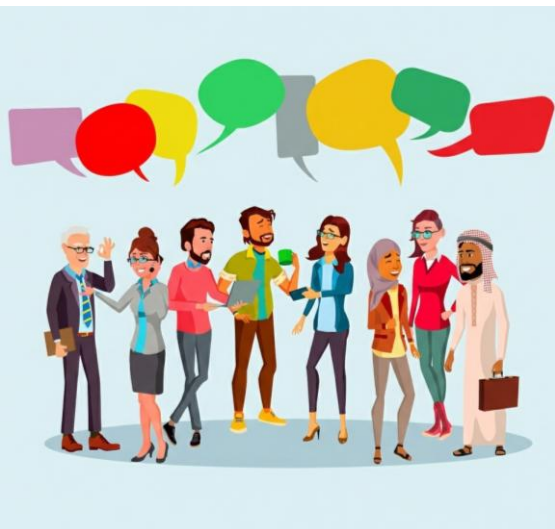
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# Grammar practice



# B2

## Section 1:- Complex Tenses and Habits



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# Section 1: Complex Tenses and Habits

## 1.1 Present and Past Habits

Use 'always/constantly + -ing' for annoying habits, 'often/tend to' for typical behavior, and 'used to/would' for past habits.

Example 1: He \_\_\_ (always / leave) his socks on the floor! (is always leaving)

Example 2: We \_\_\_ (tend to / eat) late on weekends. (tend to eat)

1. She \_\_\_ (always / complain) about the weather! It's so annoying.
2. I \_\_\_ (often / go) for a run before breakfast.
3. When I was young, we \_\_\_ (used to / live) in a small apartment. (state)
4. My grandfather \_\_\_ (would / tell) us stories every evening. (action)
5. He \_\_\_ (tend to / be) quiet in large groups.
6. They \_\_\_ (constantly / interrupt) me when I am speaking!
7. I \_\_\_ (not / used to / like) coffee, but now I love it. (state)
8. We \_\_\_ (often / visit) the museum on Sundays.
9. She \_\_\_ (would / always / bring) a cake when she visited us. (action)
10. He \_\_\_ (tend to / forget) his keys if he doesn't put them in his bag.
11. You \_\_\_ (always / lose) your phone! Why don't you be more careful?
12. I \_\_\_ (used to / have) a dog named Rex. (state)
13. They \_\_\_ (often / travel) to the coast during the summer.
14. We \_\_\_ (would / play) hide and seek in the garden for hours. (action)
15. She \_\_\_ (tend to / wake up) early, even on weekends.
16. He \_\_\_ (constantly / check) his phone during dinner!
17. \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ (use to / play) the piano when you were younger? (state)
18. I \_\_\_ (often / read) a book before going to sleep.
19. My friends and I \_\_\_ (would / ride) our bikes to the park every day. (action)
20. They \_\_\_ (tend to / argue) when they are stressed.

## 1.2 Future Perfect Continuous

Use will have been + verb-ing to emphasize the duration of an action up to a future point.

Example 1: By next year, I \_\_\_ (live) here for ten years. (will have been living)

Example 2: How long \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ (study) by 5 PM? (will / have been studying)

1. By December, she \_\_\_ (work) at this company for five years.
2. At 8 PM tonight, I \_\_\_ (study) for three hours straight.
3. By the time the marathon ends, they \_\_\_ (run) for over four hours.
4. Next month, we \_\_\_ (live) in this house for exactly a decade.
5. By the time you arrive, I \_\_\_ (wait) for an hour!
6. How long \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ (learn) English by the time you take the exam?
7. By next summer, he \_\_\_ (play) the guitar for two years.
8. When the project finishes, the team \_\_\_ (collaborate) for six months.
9. By 2030, they \_\_\_ (build) the new railway system for over five years.
10. At midnight, she \_\_\_ (dance) non-stop for twelve hours!
11. By the time he retires, he \_\_\_ (teach) at the university for forty years.
12. How long \_\_\_ it \_\_\_ (rain) by tomorrow morning?
13. By next week, I \_\_\_ (save) money for a new car for six months.
14. When the plane lands, we \_\_\_ (fly) for fourteen hours.
15. By the time the guests arrive, she \_\_\_ (cook) all afternoon.
16. At 5 PM, they \_\_\_ (negotiate) the contract for three hours.
17. By the end of the year, I \_\_\_ (train) for the competition for eight months.
18. How long \_\_\_ he \_\_\_ (wait) by the time the doctor sees him?
19. By tomorrow, we \_\_\_ (drive) across the country for two days.
20. When she finishes the book, she \_\_\_ (read) it for a whole week.

### 1.3 Future in the Past

Use 'was/were going to' or 'was/were supposed to' for plans made in the past that usually didn't happen.

Example 1: I \_\_\_ (call) you, but I forgot. (was going to call)

Example 2: We \_\_\_ (meet) at 6, but she was late. (were supposed to meet)

1. I \_\_\_ (go) to the gym, but I felt too tired.
2. She \_\_\_ (call) me last night, but her phone died.
3. We \_\_\_ (have) a picnic, but it started raining.
4. He \_\_\_ (help) me with the project, but he got sick.
5. They \_\_\_ (travel) to Italy, but their flight was canceled.
6. I \_\_\_ (buy) that shirt, but it was too expensive.
7. The meeting \_\_\_ (start) at 10 AM, but it was delayed. (supposed to)
8. You \_\_\_ (be) here an hour ago! Where were you? (supposed to)
9. I \_\_\_ (tell) you the news, but I didn't want to interrupt.
10. She \_\_\_ (finish) the report yesterday, but she didn't have time. (supposed to)
11. We \_\_\_ (leave) early, but we overslept.
12. He \_\_\_ (study) medicine, but he chose engineering instead.
13. The package \_\_\_ (arrive) on Tuesday. (supposed to)
14. I \_\_\_ (not / say) anything, but you forced me to.
15. They \_\_\_ (visit) us, but their car broke down.
16. I \_\_\_ (cook) dinner, but we decided to order pizza instead.
17. She \_\_\_ (be) the new manager, but someone else got the job. (supposed to)
18. We \_\_\_ (watch) a movie, but the power went out.
19. He \_\_\_ (pay) the bill, but he forgot his wallet. (supposed to)
20. I \_\_\_ (ask) her out, but I lost my nerve.

## Answer Key - Section 1

### 1.1 Present and Past Habits

1. is always complaining 2. often go 3. used to live 4. would tell 5. tends to be  
6. are constantly interrupting 7. didn't use to like 8. often visit 9. would always bring  
10. tends to forget 11. are always losing 12. used to have 13. often travel  
14. would play 15. tends to wake up 16. is constantly checking 17. Did / use to play  
18. often read 19. would ride 20. tend to argue

### 1.2 Future Perfect Continuous

1. will have been working 2. will have been studying 3. will have been running  
4. will have been living 5. will have been waiting 6. will / have been learning  
7. will have been playing 8. will have been collaborating 9. will have been building  
10. will have been dancing 11. will have been teaching 12. will / have been raining  
13. will have been saving 14. will have been flying 15. will have been cooking  
16. will have been negotiating 17. will have been training 18. will / have been waiting  
19. will have been driving 20. will have been reading

### 1.3 Future in the Past

1. was going to go 2. was going to call 3. were going to have 4. was going to help  
5. were going to travel 6. was going to buy 7. was supposed to start  
8. were supposed to be 9. was going to tell 10. was supposed to finish  
11. were going to leave 12. was going to study 13. was supposed to arrive  
14. was not going to say 15. were going to visit 16. was going to cook  
17. was supposed to be 18. were going to watch 19. was supposed to pay  
20. was going to ask

