

**A** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Rick should know about the meeting because I **told** / **have told** him about it yesterday.
- 2 **Did you meet** / **Have you met** last July while you were both backpacking around Europe?
- 3 I'm resigning because the pressure at work **has become** / **became** too much for me.
- 4 A month ago, I **got** / **have got** a letter from Neil, but I haven't replied.
- 5 Julie **was** / **has been** anxious to speak to you since she heard about your accident.
- 6 I **had** / **have had** no idea you were such a good chess player.
- 7 If you **finished** / **have finished**, put your hand up and I'll collect your exam paper.
- 8 There **were** / **have been** a number of different reasons for our divorce.
- 9 It was my birthday last week and my grandad **gave** / **has given** me a new laptop.
- 10 I don't know who's responsible because I **didn't work** / **haven't worked** here long.
- 11 My brother and I **were never allowed** / **have never been allowed** to chew gum when we were young.
- 12 My parents **sent** / **have sent** me to a private school until I was 12.

**B** Write the verb in brackets in the correct form, past simple or past continuous, in each gap. You may have to use the passive form.

- 1 When the explosion happened, hundreds of people ..... (**pass**) through the airport.
- 2 When I heard the phone ring, I ..... (**stop**) writing to answer it.
- 3 Amy ..... (**read**), so she didn't see me walking past.
- 4 I ..... (**have**) piano lessons every week from the age of six onwards.
- 5 We decided to leave the beach because it ..... (**get**) dark and we wanted to get home while there was still some light.
- 6 ..... Jessica already ..... (**think**) of leaving university before she failed her first year exams?
- 7 Since the hotel had a pool, ..... you ..... (**swim**) every day?
- 8 The Industrial Revolution ..... (**attract**) many people from the country to the city.
- 9 The Hubble Space Telescope ..... (**put**) into orbit around the Earth in 1990.
- 10 Sorry I couldn't come on Friday, but I ..... (**work**) on my project.
- 11 By the time we ..... (**arrive**), the party was almost over.
- 12 The national park ..... (**create**) to protect local wildlife.

**C** Write a verb from the box in the correct form in each gap.

appear • check • complete • disappear • get • go • kidnap • look • make • mean • open  
 press • race • rain • remind • see • start • take • travel • wait • wear • work

## High-tech trouble

It all (1) ..... as I made my way home from work. We (2) ..... on a top secret computer program, and everyone (3) ..... pretty nervous about finishing on time, so it was good to get away from the office. It (4) ..... and it seemed like everyone (5) ..... home at the same time, anxious to avoid getting wet. I (6) ..... down into the underground station and (7) ..... for the train when I (8) ..... her at the end of the platform. She (9) ..... a red leather jacket that (10) ..... me of something I'd seen in a film, although I couldn't remember when. As I watched, she (11) ..... her handbag and (12) ..... out what looked like a hand-held computer. She (13) ..... something on the screen, then (14) ..... in my direction. Suddenly, my mobile phone (15) ..... a sound that (16) ..... I had