

## Exercises

**8.1** Amy is writing a blog for her friends and family as she travels around Australia. Use the present simple, present continuous, past simple or past continuous of the verbs in the box to complete the extract. **A**

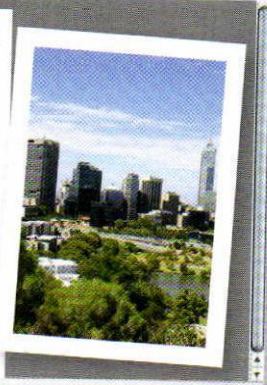
In 1–10 use:

arrive    feel (x2)    get    go    know    spend    text    wait    write

In 11–20 use:

ask    complain    enjoy    get    (not) get on    hear    look (x2)    seem    start

I (1) *am writing* this blog in a hotel room in Perth. I (2) ..... here a couple of hours ago after a long coach journey from Adelaide. I (3) ..... pretty tired so this will only be a short post before I (4) ..... to sleep. As you (5) ....., I (6) ..... last week in Adelaide with Ruby. I (7) ..... her a month or so ago to tell her when I would be arriving, and she (8) ..... at the airport for me when I (9) ..... there. For the first few days I (10) ..... quite jet-lagged, but I soon (11) ..... over that after a few days of lazing around on the beach. Ruby (12) ..... living in Adelaide a lot, although she (13) ..... for a new job just now. It (14) ..... that she (15) ..... very well with her colleagues. Apparently they constantly (16) ..... about the working conditions and it (17) ..... to annoy Ruby. She (18) ..... me to pass on her best wishes to all her old friends. So now I (19) ..... forward to exploring Perth. I (20) ..... it's a wonderful place. I'll post again soon. Amy



**8.2** Complete this extract from a newspaper article using the past simple, present perfect or past perfect of the verbs in brackets. **B**

### RONSON SACKED IN UNITED CUTS

Aston United (1) *have sacked* (*sack*) their manager, Neil Ronson. The former England football international (2) ..... (*say*) that he (3) ..... (*hear*) the news when he (4) ..... (*return*) from a three-week holiday in Spain and that it (5) ..... (*come*) as a complete shock. 'There (6) ..... (*be*) no hint of any problem when I (7) ..... (*leave*) for the holiday.' Aston United (8) ..... (*appoint*) Ronson as manager two years ago and

last season they (9) ..... (*finish*) second in the First Division. However, they (10) ..... (*win*) only five matches so far this season. The chairman of the club, Peter White, last night (11) ..... (*accuse*) Ronson of lack of commitment to the club. 'Neil's attitude (12) ..... (*disappoint*) us recently. Over the last few months he (13) ..... (*spend*) more time on Spanish beaches than working with the players in Aston.'

**8.3** Here is the rest of the conversation in Exercise 7.3. If the italicised verb is correct, write ✓. If it is wrong, correct it using the past simple, present perfect, past perfect, present perfect continuous or past perfect continuous. **A–C**

A: (1) *Did he have* any health problems recently?

B: Well, he (2) *'s been suffering* from stress for some time, but we (3) *have thought* a holiday in Scotland would be relaxing for him. He (4) *worked* too hard for months, and we (5) *'ve been trying* to persuade him to have a break for ages before he agreed.

A: So (6) *have you gone* up to Scotland when you (7) *have heard*?

B: No, Mum (8) *has gone* up to be with him, but the doctors (9) *have checked* him over and (10) *had been saying* that it's not too serious. They (11) *gave* him some medicine to bring down his blood pressure and (12) *had told* him that he needs complete rest for a couple of months. So Mum's driving him back in the car tomorrow.

A: Well, send him my best wishes when you speak to him.

B: Thanks, I will do.