

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY PRACTICE

STANDARD

UNIT 1

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (see) the film yesterday.
- 2 What time you _____ (get up) this morning?
- 3 He _____ (not read) that book yet but he's going to read it soon.
- 4 I _____ (not hear) of Peter Clark. Who is he?
- 5 She _____ (live) here since July.
- 6 Jack _____ (arrive) at half past three.
- 7 A hundred years ago, people _____ (live) in houses without heating or running water.
- 8 I _____ (just / make) some biscuits. Would you like to try one?

2 Match the sentence halves.

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| ___ 1 I've played tennis | a last weekend. |
| ___ 2 I went swimming | b twice this weekend. |
| ___ 3 He's been watching TV | c all afternoon. |
| ___ 4 He's phoned Cathy | d twice today. |

3 Circle the correct alternatives.

- 1 I've **known/been knowing** Paula for ages.
- 2 Are you ready yet? We have **waiting/been waiting** for you for ages!
- 3 Tim **has told/been telling** that joke at least three times.
- 4 How long have you **read/been reading** that book for?

4 Write the best options to complete the sentences.

- 1 When I got there, Peter _____.
a had already arrived b had been already arriving
c has already arrived
- 2 We _____ for long when Jill walked in.
a didn't wait b hadn't waited c hadn't been waiting
- 3 Joe _____ the office as soon as the meeting ended.
a had left b left c had been leaving
- 4 Jack's ears were cold because he _____ his hat.
a forgot b has forgotten c had forgotten

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Thomas _____ (stay) at our house three times before. This is his fourth visit.
- 2 When we arrived, Bill _____ (already / leave). It was disappointing not to see him.
- 3 The police suspected Tim, but he _____ (work) in the office on the morning that the murder took place.
- 4 How long _____ the children _____ (watch) TV? It's time they did something else.
- 5 I _____ (visit) Paris twice in my life.
- 6 We _____ (sunbathe) on this beach all morning. It's wonderful.

6 Write sentences using the prompts to make a dialogue.

1 When / you first meet / Samantha?

2 I / meet / her / in 2008.

3 How long / she / work / as a journalist / before then?

4 She / already / work / as a journalist / for two years / when I / meet / her.

5 you / be / in touch / lately?

6 We / meet / last month / for a coffee.

7 Translate the sentences into your own language.

1 Rebecca hadn't been to a zoo before.

2 We've been working here all afternoon.

3 I haven't had my lunch yet.

4 Jim had been waiting for ages when we finally got there.

5 How long have you been studying English?
