

Fill in the gaps. Use the past simple or continuous, present perfect simple or continuous, or past perfect simple.

- a) While I _____ (walk) home, the manager _____ (call) me.
- b) They _____ (cannot) go out because they _____ (interview) some applicants.
- c) The teacher was angry because the students _____ (not do) their homework.
- d) She's got bruised shins because she _____ (play) football.
- e) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle _____ (write) 56 stories about Sherlock Holmes.
- f) They told us that they _____ (not be) there before.
- g) I _____ (speak) to the new student yet.
- h) How many books _____ (you, read) in your life?
- i) We _____ (live) in this city since 2009.
- j) Before she _____ (come) home, she _____ (visit) her aunt.
- k) They _____ (chat) on the phone since 12 o'clock and they _____ (not finish) yet.
- l) Too many species _____ (die out) in the past decades.
- m) Brad Pitt _____ (star) in more than sixty films.
- n) When they _____ (meet) in 2004, they _____ (study) at university for two years.
- o) I _____ (just, meet) Carla. She _____ (say) she _____ (be) OK.
- p) It all _____ (happen) while they _____ (have) dinner.
- q) I _____ (not watch) the film because I _____ (see) it twice.
- r) How long _____ (you, stand) here?
- s) The Romans _____ (conquer) Britain in 43 AD.
- t) They _____ (party) all night.
- u) Sarah _____ (read) since 4 o'clock.
- v) A friend of mine said he _____ (never, see) *The Matrix*.
- w) Mum _____ (not eat) anything since morning.
- x) He's drunk because he _____ (drink) since midday.
- y) We _____ (know) each other for more than twenty years.
- z) We _____ (get married) while we _____ (work) for ITE Tech.
- aa) I'm confused because I _____ (not understand) the question.
- ab) How many beers _____ (you, drink) when I _____ (find) you in that pub?
- ac) After she _____ (finish) watching the film, she _____ (put) the DVD back on the shelf.
- ad) He _____ (practise) since nine o'clock.
- ae) They _____ (not decide) where to go on holiday yet.

Answer key

- a) was walking, called
- b) couldn't, were interviewing
- c) hadn't done
- d) has been playing
- e) wrote
- f) hadn't been
- g) haven't spoken
- h) have you read
- i) have lived/have been living
- j) came, had visited/visited
- k) have been chatting, haven't finished
- l) have died out
- m) has starred
- n) met, had studied
- o) have just met/just met, said, was
- p) happened, were having
- q) didn't watch, had seen
- r) have you been standing
- s) conquered
- t) partied/were partying/have been partying
- u) has been reading
- v) had never seen
- w) hadn't eaten
- x) has been drinking
- y) have known
- z) got married, were working
- aa) haven't understood
- ab) had you drunk, found
- ac) had finished/finished, put
- ad) has been practising
- ae) haven't decided