

B2.3 Unit 2.

Exercise 1

For questions **1-13**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line.

<p>Once upon a time, there was a (1) _____ widower who married an arrogant woman as his second wife. She had two daughters, who were equally vain and selfish. By his first wife, he'd had a (2) _____ young daughter, a girl of unparalleled (3) _____ and beauty.</p> <p>The (4) _____ and her two daughters forced Cinderella into a state of (5) _____. After the girl's chores were done for the day, she would retire to a cold room and stay near the fireplace to stay warm.</p> <p>One day, the Prince invited all the young ladies who lived in the land to a ball, (6) _____ to choose a wife from amongst them. The two (7) _____ departed to the ball while Cinderella was left behind in despair. Her Fairy Godmother magically appeared and turned a pumpkin into a (8) _____ carriage, mice into horses, a rat into a coachman, and lizards into footmen. She then turned Cinderella's rags into a beautiful dress. The Godmother warned that she had to return before (9) _____.</p> <p>The Prince danced all night with Cinderella and she lost track of time. She left only at the final stroke of midnight, losing one of her glass slippers on the steps of the palace. The Prince found the slipper and vowed to marry the girl to whom it (10) _____. The Prince tried the slipper on all the women in the (11) _____. When the Prince arrived at Cinderella's house, the stepsisters tried in vain to put their foot in the slipper. Cinderella asked if she might try. Naturally, the slipper fit (12) _____. Cinderella married the Prince and they lived (13) _____ ever after.</p>	<p>WEALTH</p> <p>BEAUTY</p> <p>GOOD</p> <p>MOTHER</p> <p>SERVE</p> <p>PLAN</p> <p>SISTER</p> <p>GOLD</p> <p>NIGHT</p> <p>BELONG</p> <p>KING</p> <p>PERFECT</p> <p>HAPPY</p>
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Exercise 2

For questions **1-10**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits the gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

Ireland

Ireland is a country noted (1)____ its natural beauty. It is also a country with an astounding history. The island is the third largest in Europe and has seen numerous changes. It was inhabited (2)____ the Celts and was not conquered by the Romans. During the 9th century Vikings began to raid the island and established some permanent settlements, including Dublin.

The Norman invasion of England influenced Ireland and by the end of the 13th century a feudal system was established. During the 16th century England began a series of conflicts (3)____ led to the Tudor conquest of Ireland. From this point Ireland was directly (4)____ the rule of the English crown.

The 18th century saw a great frost that killed many crops and a fierce famine ensued. One in eight Irish people died (5)____ the crisis and many others emigrated. In 1801 Ireland merged (6)____ Great Britain through the Acts of Union.

By the start of the 20th century movements for independence from Great Britain gained speed and by 1922 Ireland had seceded (7)____ Great Britain. In recent times Ireland was known (8)____ having a strong economy. In 2000 the Celtic Tiger, (9)____ the economic boom was known, provided Ireland with the 6th richest economy in the world.

The economic crisis of 2008 brought a reversal to Ireland's success and the country has since struggled with austerity since then, but has recently shown signs (10)____ recovery.

Exercise 3

A) Complete the text using the correct form of the verb.

Yesterday I **arranged** (arrange) to meet a friend for dinner. I (1) _____ (arrive) first and because it (2) _____ (pour) with rain, I decided to wait inside. An hour later my friend (3) _____ (arrive)! His clothes (4) _____ (be) soaking wet and he was covered in mud. Apparently he (5) _____ (wait) at a bus stop when a car (6) _____ (drive) straight through a puddle and (7) _____ (splash) him from head to toe. The driver (8) _____ (refuse) to let him get on the bus and he (9) _____ (walk) ever since. He couldn't stay at the restaurant soaking wet so we (10) _____ (decide) to have take away at home instead.

B) Complete the story using the past simple, past perfect, or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

It _____ (be) Thursday night and I _____ (get) ready to go to bed when the phone suddenly _____ (ring). To my surprise it _____ (be) my sister Jane. She _____ (call) from a phone booth and she was very worried because she _____ (lose) her keys and she _____ (cannot) get into her flat. She _____ (think) she _____ (leave) them at work but now it was midnight and the office was closed so she _____ (cannot) go and look for them. Fortunately, I had a spare key to her flat because a month before she _____ (give) it to me so that I could water her plants while she was on holiday. When she finally _____ (arrive) to pick them up, it was three o'clock in the morning, and I _____ (fall) fast asleep on the sofa.

C) Quiz : a creepy story

The sentences on this page make a complete story so read all of them before you start choosing the correct verb forms.

1 This happened about ten years ago. I _____ with a college friend, Sarah, in the country.

- was staying
- stayed
- had stayed
- have been staying

2 They _____ a very large old country house a few miles from Cambridge

- recently bought
- have recently bought
- had recently bought
- had been buying

3 and she _____ me down to see it.

- had invited
- invited
- had been inviting
- was inviting

4 Anyway, it was a dark, winter afternoon and we _____ in the sitting room.

- have been chatting
- were chatting

- chatted
- had chatted

5 Sarah's mum _____ a little while earlier, so we were alone in the house.

- went shopping
- had been shopping
- had gone shopping
- had been going shopping

6 Then, to our surprise we _____ someone walking around in the room above.

- have heard
- had heard
- heard
- had been hearing

7 But Sarah said, 'Oh I expect Mum _____ something - she always does.'

- has forgotten
- had forgotten
- forgot
- was forgetting

8 So we took no notice and _____ talking.

- had carried on
- were carrying on
- have been carrying on
- carried on

9 Imagine our surprise when five minutes later, we _____ Sarah's mum's car driving up to the house!

- had seen
- saw
- had been seeing
- seen

10 So who...or what... _____ around upstairs?

- had walked
- walked
- had been walking
- was walking