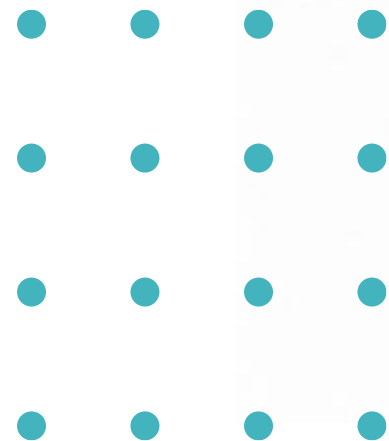


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General Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 1: Home and away



1. Write a correct verb form, active or passive, using the verb in **bold**. Sometimes more than one is possible.

drive
1. **A:** How did you get here?
B: We **drove**. It didn't take long.
2. 'Hi, Monica, please wait for me outside your house in two minutes. I ____ just ____ into your road. I'm in a blue car.'
3. I'm exhausted. I ____ for hours. Edinburgh to London is a very long way!

make
4. Our sandwiches ____ freshly ____ daily.
5. Have you heard about Martha? She ____ redundant.
6. By the time I'm 30, I ____ enough money to buy a house.

sell
7. My friend ____ her home-made pies and cakes at the market on Saturdays.
8. If no one offers to buy the house, it ____ by auction.
9. I wish I'd bought that leather jacket in last week's sale. I'm sure it will ____ have ____ by now.

take
10. It was a really rough game. At half-time, one of the rugby players ____ to hospital.
11. These trousers fit perfectly. I ____ them.
12. My eight-year-old twins looked very guilty. They ____ some chocolate biscuits from the kitchen cupboard.

have
13. We need a new TV. We ____ this one for years.
14. We ____ a lovely time on the beach until it started to rain.
15. Don't ring at 8.00. I ____ dinner then.

wash
16. **A:** Where are my jeans?
B: They ____ at the moment.
17. My favorite white shirt went pink. It ____ with my son's red football socks!
18. He was soaking wet because he ____ the dog.

teach
19. At the end of May, I ____ for 6 years.
20. The children ____ how to make bread when one boy dropped his bowl on ____ the teacher's foot.

2. Complete the chart with the verbs from 1.

Active voice	Simple		Continuous
Present			
Past		drove	
Future			
Present Perfect			
Past Perfect			
Future Perfect			
Passive voice	Simple		Continuous
Present			
Past			
Future			
Present Perfect			
Past Perfect			
Future Perfect		will have been sold	

3. Underline the correct verb form.

1. My daughter's netball team **promoted / has been promoted / is promoted** to the top division.
2. It's my boyfriend's birthday next month. He loves Japanese food, so I **'m going / 'll be going / 'll** to take him out to eat.
3. I **'ll study / I study / I 'm studying** hard at the moment because I have my final tests next month.
4. We **'ve been going / 're going / were going** on holiday to Italy for the past five years now. We adore it!
5. I **made / I was making / I 'm making** lunch when the doorbell rang.
6. **It's / Its / I had been** really cold recently, so I've got a new winter jacket.
7. When I was a little girl, I **'ve spent / I spent / I spend** all my allowance on sweets.
8. We were **taught / taught / have been taught** by a wonderful teacher when I was in Year 1

4. Read the conversation between Nicola in Australia and her parents in the UK. Put the verbs in the correct tense.

N: Hi Dad! Hold on a second, I'm just 1. _____ (make) myself a tea. Ahh! That's better – it's 7 a.m. over here.

D: Sorry dear, I always 2. _____ (forget) you're 11 hours ahead. Your mum 3. _____ just _____ (go) upstairs to get her glasses.

She 4. _____ (be) down in a second. Jackie! Come on – Nicola 5. _____ (not have got) all morning.

N: It's fine, Dad. It's the weekend, so take it easy! I'm worn out! I 6. _____ (get) things ready for our annual sales meeting next week at the office, so I deserve some 'me time', and I 7. _____ (not speak) to you both for ages!

D: You look tired, darling. Don't overdo it. By the way – how are the kids? They seem so grown up in those trip photos you 8. _____ (put) on Facebook.

N: They're great. Ollie 9. _____ (study) for his Year 12 exams. He hopes he 10. _____ (accept) at the University of Melbourne next year. Becky 11. _____ (choose) to play in her school netball squad – she's thrilled. How are you and Mum? Where is she? I want to say hi to her too.

D: She 12. _____ (get) a little hard of hearing. I 13. _____ (shout) louder. JACKIE, COME ON! IT'S NICOLA! Anyway, where was I? We're both good. We 14. _____ (go) on holiday last month, but we just 15. _____ (stay) at an Airbnb in Brighton for some fresh air. We 16. _____ (save up) to visit you at Christmas. I 17. _____ (not realize) how costly flights are. Oh! Here comes your mum. Jackie, what 18. _____ (do) you all this time?

M: Sorry, couldn't find my specs. Hi, Nicola, sweetie! You look lovely. I wish I could squeeze you tight.

N: Me too, Mum, but not long now – you and Dad 19. _____ (be) here soon. Don't forget your specs again! You 20. _____ (forget) them last time you were here!

M: I 21. _____ (not forget) them this time, I promise! Now, sweetheart, fill us in – how are you, and our precious grandchildren....

Active or passive?

5. Some active sentences can sound unnatural. Rewrite them using the passive.

1. They constructed our house in the 19th century.
_____.
2. Someone is currently decorating my apartment.
_____.
3. Has anyone repaired the printer yet?
_____?
4. We often ordered takeaway while they were putting in the new kitchen.
While the new kitchen _____.
5. When we got to our hotel room, we discovered they had forgotten to clean it.
The room _____.

6. Put the verb in brackets into the correct tense and form, active or passive.

1. We _____ (cycle) along a peaceful country road when suddenly we _____ (overtake) by a police vehicle.
2. When I got up this morning, everything looked enchanting. It _____ (snow) all through the night.
3. The mailbox _____ always _____ (empty) at 12 noon.
4. His next-door residents _____ (give) approval to construct a large extension.
5. When you _____ (arrive) at the terminal, you _____ (meet) by one of our travel assistants.
6. The robbers _____ (catch) as they _____ (drive) away from the bank.

Tenses in context

7. Read about Matt Perry and fill in the blog with verbs in the correct tense, active or passive, positive or negative.

My name is Matt Ford and I'm 14 years old. My family, 1. _____ (move) to Japan from Denver, Colorado, three years ago, and we 2. _____ (live) in Tokyo for the past two years. At first, it was a real cultural adjustment and I 3. _____ (think) I'd never feel comfortable, but now Tokyo feels like home, and I 4. _____ (miss) it when we go back to Denver next year.

Why did we move?

My dad's an officer in the US Air Force and he 5. _____ (relocate) overseas many times. In the past, Mum and I remained in Denver, but we 6. _____ (not want) to be separated from Dad again, so this time we all moved together. We 7. _____ (be) here for four years by the time we fly back next year. That's the longest my dad 8. _____ (live) in one place since he joined the Air Force.

What's it like in Japan?

I 9. _____ always _____ (think) that Japanese people were quite quiet, but they're actually really friendly. When we first got here, I 10. _____ (join) a soccer team and I 11. _____ (make) many American, English, and Japanese friends. I 12. _____ (learn) the language for three years now and my Japanese mates say I'm pretty decent. But I 13. _____ (not like) writing Japanese because I always 14. _____ (get) mixed up by the characters.

What do I miss the most?

I miss pizza and ice cream the most, although I think the pizza, 15. _____ (get) better here. Anyway, I 16. _____ (be able to) eat at my favorite pizza place when we go back home next year.

I also miss basketball, which used to be my top sport before we came to Japan. My mum, 17. _____ (miss) her garden because we 18. _____ (not live) in a house, but on the fourth floor of an apartment building. I guess when we 19. _____ (be) back in Denver, we 20. _____ (miss) loads of things about Japan.

I know I'm just 14, but I've discovered a lot about myself through living overseas. I'm going to feel much more grown-up than the other kids when I return home.

8. Complete the questions about Matt.

1. How _____ ?
For three years.
2. Where _____ ?
Denver, Colorado.
3. Why _____ ?
His father was relocated there.
4. What _____ ?
He joined a football club.
5. What _____ for three years?
Japanese.
6. Why _____ ?
Because the characters are confusing.
7. What _____ ?
Pizza and ice cream.
8. When _____ ?
Next year.

Auxiliary Verbs: have, be, or do?

9. Complete with the correct form of *have*, *be*, or *do*. Write A (auxiliary) or F (full verb). Some auxiliaries are negative.

- ☒ A 1. They **had** finished lunch when we arrived.
- ☒ F 2. We **had** tacos for dinner last night.
- ☐ 3. Sophie overslept, so she _____ catch her bus.
- ☐ 4. What have you _____ to your hair? You look terrible!
- ☐ 5. What _____ your new teacher look like?
- ☐ 6. This painting _____ created by Banksy.
- ☐ 7. I hate _____ the ironing. I wish we had a housekeeper.
- ☐ 8. I _____ all my assignments on Friday so I could rest over the weekend.
- ☐ 9. It _____ been a wonderful day. Thank you.
- ☐ 10. I always _____ a shower in the morning.
- ☐ 11. I _____ always had a love for French cuisine.
- ☐ 12. Your application _____ being reviewed at the moment.

Have or have got?

10. Complete the conversations with a form of *have* or *have got*. Sometimes both forms are possible.

1.
A: Emma, _____ you _____ a headache?
B: Yes, I _____ trouble falling asleep at night.
A: Oh no. What's causing that?
B: Oh, the usual financial stress. _____ you _____ a painkiller?
2.
A: _____ you _____ any animals at home?
B: No, we don't. _____ you?
A: Oh yes. I _____ pets all my life. Right now, I _____ a dog, two kittens, and a hamster.
3.
A: Hurry up! We _____ to rush. We're running behind!
B: But I _____ my ticket. I can't see it anywhere!
A: You had it earlier. I _____ a look in your coat pocket.
B: Phew! I _____ it! You were right. It was in my jacket the whole time!
4.
A: I can't wait for a few days off. I _____ so busy the last few months. I really _____ a rest.
B: You're lucky! I _____ any vacation days left!

Compound nouns

1. Write one word to complete three compound nouns. Use a dictionary to check hyphens, spacing, or single words.

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| 1. → road rage / works / sign | 11. → _____ bow / coat / drop |
| 2. → _____ bound / work / warming | 12. → _____ shine / rise / set |
| 3. → _____ long / guard / style | 13. → _____ made / sick / page |
| 4. → _____ ache / beat / burn | 14. → _____ line / conditioning / fare |
| 5. → _____ test / donor / pressure | 15. → _____ light / break / dream |
| 6. → _____ mark / shelf / cover | 16. → _____ shake / writing / bag |
| 7. → _____ fall / melon / skiing | 17. → _____ guard / escape / place |
| 8. → _____ view / sick / gull | 18. → _____ birthday / credit / business |
| 9. → _____ brief / suit / book | 19. → _____ car / wear / club |
| 10. → _____ tea / make-up / plastic | 20. → _____ dining / coffee / bedside |

House and home idioms

2. Tick(✓) the correct definition for each idiom.

1. They get on like a house on fire.
A. ☐ They have a very good relationship.
B. ☐ They are always arguing.
2. Come in and make yourself at home.
A. ☐ Tidy the house.
B. ☐ Please behave in my house as if it were your own
3. Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical brought the house down.
A. ☐ The musical was a success.
B. ☐ The musical wasn't a success.
4. The news report really brought home to me the horrors of war.
A. ☐ The report talked about the horrors of war.
B. ☐ The report made me realize fully the horrors of war.
5. These drinks are on the house.
A. ☐ These drinks are very expensive.
B. ☐ These drinks are free of charge.
6. This shaky old bridge is actually as safe as houses.
A. ☐ Don't worry. The bridge is very safe.
B. ☐ Be careful. The bridge isn't safe at all.

3. Complete the conversations with the idioms from 2 in the correct form.

1. **A:** I was so sorry to hear that your cat died.
B: Thank you. When I saw her empty bowl, it really _____ the fact that I'd never see her again.
2. **A:** How did the meeting with Andy's parents go?
B: It was great. We all _____
3. **A:** Hello! Sorry we're so late. The traffic was terrible.
B: Don't worry. Just sit down and _____. I'll put the kettle on.
4. **A:** Did you read those excellent reviews in the local paper about the school play?
B: Yes, I did. Apparently, it _____
5. **A:** I'm not going up there. It looks a bit dangerous!
B: Oh, come on! It's _____ and the view from the top is fantastic!
6. **A:** How was that new restaurant you went to?
B: Well, the food was overpriced, but the manager gave us a bottle of wine _____ because it was my birthday.

Literal and idiomatic meanings

4. Phrasal verbs can have literal and idiomatic meanings. Which are literal, and which are idiomatic? Write *L* or *I*.

- ☐ The dentist said my tooth was dead. He had to pull it out.
- ☐ We had to call off Grandpa's birthday party because he was ill.
- ☐ Sorry we're late. We were held up in traffic.
- ☐ Don't throw the box away. I'm sure I can use it for something.

5. Use the same phrasal verb (correct form) for both sentences. Write *L* (literal) or *I* (idiomatic).

take off pick up sort out stand up hold on put up

- ☐ I'm coming to London for an interview next week – can you _____ me _____ for the night?
☐ _____ your hand if you know the answer.
- ☐ I've _____ my kitchen drawers, so now I know where everything is.
☐ We've got quite a problem here, but I'm sure we can _____ it _____.
- ☐ When I was at school, we always _____.
☐ You shouldn't let your sister tell you what to do all the time. You should _____ for yourself.

- ☐ It's too warm to be wearing a jumper. Why don't you _____ it _____.
☐ After a slow start my business has finally _____.
- ☐ I was never taught how to cook. I just _____ it _____ from my mother.
☐ Can you please _____ the crisp bag you've just dropped?
- A:** Come on! We're going to miss the train!
☐ **B:** _____! I'm just locking the door.

☐ When you're riding on the back of a motorbike, you need to _____ tight.

Vowel sounds and spelling

1. Each of these words in phonetics has a different English vowel sound. Write the words.

- 1. /klɪə'n/ clean
- 2. /wɔ:k/ _____
- 3. /'mʌðə/ _____
- 4. /ɲju:z/ _____
- 5. /bæŋ/ _____
- 6. /bɒks/ _____
- 7. /mʌnθ/ _____
- 8. /'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ _____
- 9. /tʃʊk/ _____
- 10. /stɔ:t/ _____
- 11. /wɜ:k/ _____
- 12. /tekst/ _____

2. Complete the chart with the words in the box. There are three words for each vowel sound.

freak

fend

sea

would

sorry

warm

look

orphan

lose

pretty

learn

zoom

what

taught

asleep

massage

journey

rough

suit

chalk

third

heart

said

guilty

beggar

Japan

believe

business

shock

catch

language

London

father

funny

party

good

/e/	/ɪ/	/i:/	/ʌ/
freak			
/ʊ/	/u:/	/æ/	/ɒ/
/ɔ:/	/ɜ:/	/ɑ:/	/ə/