1. Mixed tenses

Copy the following text and put in the right tense.
Signal words can help: last year >> simple past...
(book, page 124: box with signal words)

What a language course can do
1. I (learn) _____________ English for seven years now.
2. But last year I (not / work) _______ hard enough for English, that's why my marks (not / be) _______ really that good then.
3. As I (pass / want) _______ my English exam successfully next year, I (study) ___________ harder this term.
4. During my last summer holidays, my parents (send) _______ me on a language course to London.
5. It _______ great and I (think) _______ I (learn) _______ a lot.
7. But while I (do) _______ the language course, I (meet) _______ lots of young people from all over the world.
8. There I (notice) _______ how important it (be) _______ to speak foreign languages nowadays.
9. Now I (have) _______ much more fun learning English than I (have) _______ before the course.
2. Reported speech or direct speech?

Rewrite the following sentences and questions in direct or reported speech. Watch out! There are also some place and time adverbs to change.

1. Daniel: “I have met Marie in town.”
   Daniel told Jack that **he had met Marie in town**.

2. Diana: “She bought an umbrella at the supermarket.”
   Diana mentioned that **she had bought an umbrella at the supermarket**.

3. William: “Mary thinks it’s going to rain.”
   William said **Mary thought it was going to rain**.

4. Diana: “Mary had been fearing the rain before she got the umbrella.”
   Diana told me **Mary had been fearing the rain before she had gotten the umbrella**.

5. Saskia: “I will get an umbrella, too. I don’t want to get wet.”
   Saskia said **she would get an umbrella, too. She didn’t want to get wet**.

6. Daniel: “The farmers will be happy. They have been waiting for rain.”
   Daniel told me **the farmers would be happy. They had been waiting for rain**.

7. William: “I don’t like rain but I know it is necessary.”
   Daniel told me **he didn’t like rain but he had known it was necessary**.

8. Diana: “All this talk about rain is boring. I will go out and have some fun.”
   Diana told me **All this talk about rain was boring. He would go out and have some fun**.
3. Indirect speech

Put these statements in the indirect speech. Copy the right one into your exercise book.

Jerry said, 'I'm studying English a lot at the moment.'

- O Jerry said he was studying English a lot at that moment.
- O Jerry said I was studying English a lot at that moment.

They said, 'We've lived here for a long time.'

- O They said they have lived there for a long time.
- O They said they lived here for a long time.
- X They said they had lived there for a long time.

He asked me, 'Have you finished reading the newspaper?'

- X He asked me if had I finished reading the newspaper.
- O He asked me if I had finished reading the newspaper.
- O He asked me if I finished reading the newspaper.

I get up every morning at seven o'clock.', Peter said.

- X Peter said he got up every morning at seven o'clock.
- O Peter said I got up every morning at seven o'clock.
- O Peter said he had got up every morning at seven o'clock.

Susan reassured me, 'I can come tonight.'

- O Susan told me I could come that night.
- X Susan told me she could come that night.
- O Susan told me she could come tomorrow evening.
4. so – neither – nor

Copy the sentences and fill in the right short answer.
(You don’t have to copy the names.)

1. Anne: I never watch Star Trek.
   Tom: .......... Nor do l . I think it’s awful.
   Pat: .......... Nor do l . I really hate it.
2. Alice: I’ve never seen Jurassic Park!
   Nick: .......... Nor have I . I’d like to see it, though.
3. Anne: I watched the comedy show on TV last night.
   Emily: .......... So did I . I really enjoyed it.
4. Sue: I’d like to go to the cinema tonight.
   Adrian: .......... So would I . I’d love to see Bully’s new film.
5. Sarah: I’m not going to a pop concert next week.
   Rachel: .......... Neither am I . I haven’t got the money.
6. Peter: I like Pink. She is big party.
   Alice: .......... So do I . I love them.
7. Brian: I’m not going to watch the documentary this evening.
   Neil: .......... So am I . I’m going to watch TV.
8. Sophie: I’ve never to the circus.
   Mike: .......... Neither have I . It wasn’t fun.
9. Sue: I didn’t like the band much.
   Jackie: .......... Neither did I . I thought they weren’t cool.
5. Mixed tenses

Copy the sentences and fill in the right tense.

Peter has been to London to practice his English.

1. Now, Peter (like) **likes** English very much.
2. At the moment I (revise) **am revising** English grammar.
3. And I (begin / already) **have already begun** to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
4. I (think) **think** I (do) **will do** one unit every week.
5. My exam (be) **is** on 15 May.
6. If I (pass) **pass** my exams successfully, I (start) **will start** an apprenticeship in September.
7. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go) **will go** back to London to work there for a while.
8. As you (see / can) **can see**, I (become) **have become** a real London fan already.
6. Error spotting

Look at the following sentences. What’s wrong here? **Spot the errors.**
**Correct the sentences** and copy them into your exercise book.

1. There **have been** lots of tickets for the concert yesterday. But now, they are all sold out.  **were/had been**

2. Mary: “If I **will not see** this band, I will be very sad!”  **don’t**

3. Peter told Anna that Mary **had been** very sad at that moment.  **was**

4. Anna: “Mary is lucky to have a friend like you.”  
   Anna said, Mary **had been** lucky to have a friend like Peter.  **was**

5. Peter **had waited** a long time, when Mary decided to call him.  **had been waiting**

6. While Mary and Peter **talked on the phone,** Anna had an idea.  **were talking**

7. Anna **calls** a sick friend and now Mary can have her ticket.  **has called**
7. reported speech

a) Choose the correct answer and tick it!

1. “We had seen them often,” said the neighbour.
   - The neighbour said they had seen them often. ✔
   - The neighbour said they saw them often.
   - The neighbour said they saw us often.

2. “He’ll be going home soon,” said the teacher.
   - The teacher said that he will be going home soon.
   - The teacher said he was going home soon.
   - The teacher said he would be going home soon. ✗

3. “I came home today,” the daughter said.
   - The daughter said that she had come home that day. ✗
   - The daughter said that she came home today.
   - The daughter said that she came home that day.

4. “I’ll be here tonight,” the boy promised.
   - The boy promised he’ll be here that night.
   - The boy promised he’d be there that night. ✗
   - The boy promised he’d be here that night.

b) Change the sentences into reported speech! Careful with the adverbs of time!

- He said: “I went home at 2 o’clock yesterday.”
  He said that he had gone home at 2 o’clock that day.

- She said: “I’ll go home at 5 o’clock.”
  She said that she would go home at 5 o’clock.

c) Complete the table:

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