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 (be) ___________________________ great and I (think) ___________________________
   I (learn) ___________________________ a lot.
6. Before I (go) ___________________________ to London, I (not / enjoy)
   ___________________________ learning English.
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 _________________________________.

2. Diana: “She bought an umbrella in the supermarket.”
   Diana mentioned that _________________________________.

3. William: “Mary thinks it’s going to rain.”
   William said _________________________________.

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

5. Saskia: “I will get an umbrella, too. I don’t want to get wet.”
   Saskia said _________________________________.

6. Daniel: “The farmers will be happy. They have been waiting for rain.”
   Daniel told me _________________________________.

7. William: “I don’t like rain but I know it is necessary.”
   Daniel told me _________________________________.

8. Diana: “All this talk about rain is boring. I will go out and have some fun.”
   Daniel told me _________________________________.
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 he was studying English a lot at the 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.
O They said they had lived there for a long time.

He asked me, 'Have you finished reading the newspaper?'
O 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.
O 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.
O 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: ...................................... . I think it’s awful.
   Pat: ...................................... . I really hate it.

2. Alice: I’ve never seen Jurassic Park!
   Nick: ...................................... . I’d like to see it, though.

3. Anne: I watched the comedy show on TV last night.
   Emily: ...................................... . I really enjoyed it.

4. Sue: I’d like to go to the cinema tonight.
   Adrian: ...................................... . I’d love to see Bully’s new film.

5. Sarah: I’m not going to a pop concert next week.
   Rachel: ...................................... . I haven’t got the money.

6. Peter: I like Pink. She is big party.
   Alice: ...................................... . I love them.

7. Brian: I’m not going to watch the documentary this evening.
   Neil: ...................................... . I’m going to watch TV.

8. Sophie: I’ve never been to the circus.
   Mike: ...................................... . But I’d like to.

9. Sue: I didn’t like the band much.
   Jackie: ...................................... . 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) ______________ English very much.
2. At the moment I (revise) __________________________ English grammar.
3. And I (begin / already) ___________________________ to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
4. I (think) ______________ I (do) __________________ one unit every week.
5. My exam (be) __________________________ on 15 May.
6. If I (pass) ______________________ my exams successfully, I (start) __________________________ an apprenticeship in September.
7. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go) __________________________ back to London to work there for a while.
8. As you (see / can) ________________________, I (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.

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

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

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

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

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

7. Anna calls a sick friend and now Mary can have her ticket.
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 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.

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

- He said: “I went home at 2 o’clock yesterday.”
- She said: “I’ll go home at 5 o’clock.”

c) Complete the table:

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