

## Cambridge B2 First Use of English Part Two open cloze tenses review

For questions 1-29, read the sentences below and think of the word which best fills each gap. Use **one word only** in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0)

0. I \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ already left when he arrived.
1. I \_\_\_\_\_ seen him three or four times in my life.
2. I've \_\_\_\_\_ suffering from stress recently.
3. When the police entered I \_\_\_\_\_ still flushing drugs down the toilet.
4. I was sure she \_\_\_\_\_ just left because I could still smell her perfume in the room.
5. At this time next week I \_\_\_\_\_ be lying on a beach sipping champagne.
  
6. I have been working here \_\_\_\_\_ seven years.
7. I'd been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ an hour when he arrived.
8. I hadn't known him \_\_\_\_\_ long when he suddenly proposed.
9. I've been living here \_\_\_\_\_ January.
10. I was sure I had never been there \_\_\_\_\_, but I still had a feeling of déjà vu.
11. I had been there many years \_\_\_\_\_.
12. I went there many years \_\_\_\_\_.
13. I was copying the files \_\_\_\_\_ they were having a meeting in the next room.
14. I was watching a film on TV \_\_\_\_\_ all programmes were interrupted with news of the coup.
15. I had already hidden \_\_\_\_\_ he entered the room.
16. I was watering the flowers \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock this morning to beat the daytime hose pipe ban.
17. The film is showing \_\_\_\_\_ ten thirty tonight, but I will be sleeping by then.
18. I've \_\_\_\_\_ done this unit. Can we do the next one?
19. He pulled the trigger, but I had \_\_\_\_\_ taken out all the bullets.
20. I will probably still be paying the loan back \_\_\_\_\_ twenty or thirty years.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ the time I retire, I will have saved at least a million dollars.
  
22. At \_\_\_\_\_ moment I'm sleeping on my brother's sofa.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ present he is taking a sabbatical.
24. At \_\_\_\_\_ moment, the earthquake struck.
25. I go to the gym at least once \_\_\_\_\_ week.
26. I have my hair cut once \_\_\_\_\_ two months or so.
27. He only finished the project \_\_\_\_\_ week.
28. I have already been out drinking three times \_\_\_\_\_ week.
29. Every city centre in the world seems the same \_\_\_\_\_ days.

*Check with the suggested answers or as a class. Other answers might be possible, so please check if you wrote something different.*

*How are the meanings and uses of the different tenses above different from each other?*

### Suggested answers

0. I had already left when he arrived.
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2. I've been suffering from stress recently.
3. When the police entered I was still flushing drugs down the toilet.
4. I was sure she had just left because I could still smell her perfume in the room.
5. At this time next week I will be lying on a beach sipping champagne.
  
6. I have been working here for seven years.
7. I'd been waiting for an hour when he arrived.
8. I hadn't known him for long when he suddenly proposed.
9. I've been living here since January.
10. I was sure I had never been there before, but I still had a feeling of déjà vu.
11. I had been there many years before.
12. I went there many years ago.
13. I was copying the files while/ when they were having a meeting in the next room.
14. I was watching a film on TV when all programmes were interrupted with news of the coup.
15. I had already hidden when/ before he entered the room.
16. I was watering the flowers at six o'clock this morning to beat the daytime hose pipe ban.
17. The film is showing at/ from ten thirty tonight, but I will be sleeping by then.
18. I've already/ just done this unit. Can we do the next one?
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22. At the moment I'm sleeping on my brother's sofa.
23. At present he is taking a sabbatical.
24. At that moment, the earthquake struck.
25. I go to the gym at least once a/ per week.
26. I have my hair cut once every two months or so.
27. He only finished the project last week.
28. I have already been out drinking three times this week.
29. Every city centre in the world seems the same these days.