



## Exercise 2

### Tenses: all mixed up

Read the dialogue below and fill in the gaps using the correct tense and form of the verb (such as present simple, past progressive, past perfect, will-future). The answers are on page 3.

Daisy: (1) (you/go shopping) \_\_\_\_\_, Dad?

Ryan: Yes, (2) (I/be) \_\_\_\_\_. Why?

Daisy: I (3) (just/wonder) \_\_\_\_\_ whether you could get me some shampoo?

Ryan: Shampoo? Yes, I (4) (suppose) \_\_\_\_\_ I could – but we've already got about three different types of shampoo in the bathroom already.

Daisy: I know, but I really need some of that Frootie Fragrance Anti-Frizz stuff. I desperately need to try it out. My hair (5) (look) \_\_\_\_\_ so awful at the moment.

Ryan: Don't be silly. You (6) (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ too many adverts. Do you really think it (7) (make) \_\_\_\_\_ a difference?

Daisy: Of course! The girl in the advert has hair just like mine – only much smoother because she's been using Frootie Fragrance Anti-Frizz. And it says it's been clinically proven to stop your hair going frizzy.

Ryan: I wouldn't believe a word of it, if I (8) (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you. And it (9) (probably/be) \_\_\_\_\_ clinically tested on mice and monkeys.

Daisy: Oh, I don't think so! And Gemma at school (10) (use) \_\_\_\_\_ it for weeks, and she looks fabulous. Her hair (11) (be) \_\_\_\_\_ really silky and soft.

Ryan: That's because she (12) (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ three hours in the bathroom every morning.

Daisy: What?! How do you know?

Ryan: Because I saw her mum at a meeting yesterday. She says that she (13) (be) \_\_\_\_\_ late for work almost every day for the past month because Gemma spends so long in there. It's an absolute nightmare, apparently.

Daisy: Well, Gemma's always late for school – she (14) (be) \_\_\_\_\_ for months – and she says that it's because she has to take the dog for a walk every morning.



Ryan: But they haven't got a dog!

Daisy: Yes, they have. They've got a chihuahua. I even know her name. She's called Miss Cutie-Pie. And she really is cute. I (15) (see) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of her.

Ryan: Well, I (16) (hate) \_\_\_\_\_ to tell you this – but Miss Cutie-Pie went to the great dog kennel in the sky about six months ago. She had an argument with that vicious dachshund who lives next door to the newsagent's and she (17) (never/recover) \_\_\_\_\_.

Daisy: Really?! That's dreadful!

Ryan: Yes, it is... And it's dreadful that Gemma (18) (use) \_\_\_\_\_ the late Miss Cutie-Pie as an excuse for being late for school.

Daisy: That wasn't a very good pun, Dad.

Ryan: I know, sorry. But I (19) (still/not/buy) \_\_\_\_\_ you that shampoo... And I think I (20) (give) \_\_\_\_\_ Gemma's mum a ring later too...

## Answers

1. Are you going shopping (present progressive)
2. I am (present simple)
3. was just wondering (past progressive)
4. suppose (present simple)
5. looks (present simple) *or* is looking (present progressive)
6. have been watching (present perfect progressive)
7. will make (will-future)
8. were (subjunctive, if-clause)
9. has probably been (present perfect simple)
10. has been using (present perfect progressive)
11. is (present simple)
12. spends (present simple)
13. has been (present perfect simple)
14. has been (present perfect simple)
15. have seen (present perfect simple)
16. hate (present simple)
17. never recovered (past simple)
18. is using (present progressive) *or* has been using (present perfect progressive)
19. am still not buying (present progressive) *or* am still not going to buy (going-to future)
20. will give (will-future)

Note: In direct speech and more informal language, you can also use short forms. In other words, you can shorten *I am* to *I'm*, *I will* to *I'll*, *I have* to *I've*, and so on – apart from in answer number 2.