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## Grammar – Tenses

### 5 Tenses which Need a Second Clause – Part 2

There are **five tenses** in English which require a second clause: **Past Continuous, Past Perfect, and Past Perfect Continuous** usually provide background information for a Past Simple clause, e.g.

- pa con: I was driving to my parents' home **because** I needed to borrow some tools.  
pa perf: I had driven to my parents' home **but** they weren't in.  
pa p.c. I had been driving to my parents' home **when** my car suddenly broke down.

The exasperated reply to each statement without a second clause might be: "So, what happened?"

In **Future Perfect** and **Future Perfect Continuous** it is usual to indicate the other time in a second clause:

- fu perf: I will have made lunch **by the time** you read this message.  
fu p.c. I will have been making lunch for two hours **when** you get here.

Complete the sentences below with the **given tense** and **conjunction** or **relative pronoun** using the indicated **topic**. Then say which **category** the joining word belongs to (below):

A. ADDITION	B. CONDITION	C. CONTRAST
D. REASON	E. RELATIVE PRONOUNS	F. RESULT

#### 1. Topic: clothes

Ex. pa con I was shopping for a new jacket, **after** spending all morning in McDonalds. [ G ]

- a) pa con \_\_\_\_\_ **after** \_\_\_\_\_  
b) pa perf \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_  
c) pa p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **therefore** \_\_\_\_\_  
d) fu perf \_\_\_\_\_ **prior to** \_\_\_\_\_  
e) fu p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **once** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Topic: park

- a) pa con \_\_\_\_\_ **as** \_\_\_\_\_  
b) pa perf \_\_\_\_\_ **although** \_\_\_\_\_  
c) pa p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **despite** \_\_\_\_\_  
d) fu perf \_\_\_\_\_ **when** \_\_\_\_\_  
e) fu p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **before** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Topic: grandma

- a) pa con \_\_\_\_\_ **even though** \_\_\_\_\_  
b) pa perf \_\_\_\_\_ **because** \_\_\_\_\_  
c) pa p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **whose** \_\_\_\_\_  
d) fu perf \_\_\_\_\_ **by the time** \_\_\_\_\_  
e) fu p.c. \_\_\_\_\_ **until** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Answers will vary. Sample answers.*

*Note that you could transform one sentence into each of the different tenses, as below, or write an original sentence for each answer:*

#### 1. Topic: clothes

- a) pa con I was shopping for a new jacket, **after** spending all morning in McDonalds. [G]
- b) pa perf I had shopped for a new jacket, **or** something that would match my trousers. [C]
- c) pa p.c. I had been shopping for a new jacket, **therefore** I felt absolutely exhausted. [F]
- d) fu perf I will have shopped for a new jacket **prior to** meeting you in McDonalds. [G]
- e) fu p.c. I will have been shopping for a new jacket **once** we've found some nice trousers.<sup>1</sup> [G]

#### 2. Topic: park

- a) pa con We were walking in the park, **as** it was a beautiful sunny autumn day. [D]
- b) pa perf We had walked in the park, **although** the atmosphere was spoiled by her remarks. [C]
- c) pa p.c. We had been walking in the park, **despite** the black clouds overhead. [C]
- d) fu perf We'll have walked in the park **when** the hotel opens at 2pm. [G]
- e) fu p.c. We'll have been walking in the park **before** the concert begins. [G]

#### 3. Topic: grandma

- a) pa con We were looking at photos with grandma, **even though** she couldn't see very well. [C]
- b) pa perf We'd looked at photos with grandma, **because** she wanted to see our godson. [D]
- c) pa p.c. We'd been looking at photos with grandma, **whose** lunch was finally ready. [E]
- d) fu perf We will have looked at photos with grandma **by the time** you turn up. [G]
- e) fu p.c. We will've been looking at photos with grandma **until** it's time to leave. [G]

<sup>1</sup> In this sentence the second clause has the first action.