



## LESSON TWENTY

### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE

Megan meets her friend Jess in a cafe

- Megan Hi Jess, how are you? **I haven't seen / I haven't been seeing** you since the summer.
- Jess No, **I've been revising / I've revised** for my exams. They're next week. What about you?
- Megan Well, a few days ago I met a website designer, Steve, **who's looking / who's been looking** for some help for weeks. **He offers / He's offered** me some work from next week.
- Jess That's great.
- Megan Yeah, and every day since then **Heek / I've been looking** at his sites. **He's designed / He's been designing** three or four really cool ones already. But **he doesn't have / he isn't having** enough time to do all the new ones. That's why **he's needing / he needs** me.
- Jess That's really good. Hey, who's that guy over there? **He's looked / He's been looking** at us since we met.
- Megan Oh, wow, that's Steve, the guy **I've been telling / I have just told** you about.
- Jess **He's looking / He looks** like a student or something.
- Megan **He's coming / He comes** over.
- Steve Hi, Megan.
- Megan Steve, this is my friend Jess.
- Steve Hello. **Do you using / Are you using** the Wi-Fi in here at the moment?
- Jess Yes. **I come / I'm coming** here most days for lunch and since the café's got Wi-Fi **I've checked / I've been checking** my e-mail at the same time.
- Steve And **do you enjoy / are you enjoying** the food here?
- Jess Er, yes. It's always good. But why?
- Steve Oh, just interested. **I own / I'm owing** this café.
- Megan I didn't know that!

### THERE ARE SEVEN MISTAKES IN THIS EMAIL. CORRECT THEM:

From: mariannanow@wtmail.com  
 To: maaziz@market.solutions.co.uk  
 Subject: Temporary manager

Dear Mr Aziz,

I would like to apply for the job of temporary manager which **I see** advertised on your website.

I am twenty years-old. I was born in Poland, but my family moved to England when I was twelve and **I am living** here ever since. I left school **since three years** and since then **I am having** several jobs in tourism and marketing. For the past six months **I am working** for Go-Places Agency. The manager **has been saying** that he is willing to give me a reference.

I speak Polish and English fluently. **I have also learned** Spanish since I left school, so I speak some Spanish too.

I hope you will consider my application.

Your sincerely,  
Marianna Nowak

- I see** – **I HAVE SEEN**  
**I am living** – **I HAVE LIVED** or **I HAVE BEEN LIVING**  
**since three years** – **THREE YEARS AGO**  
**I am having** – **I HAVE HAD**  
**am working** – **I HAVE BEEN WORKING**  
**has been saying** – **HAD SAID**  
**I have also learned** – **I HAVE BEEN LEARNING**

### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE:

From: onnna@zapnet.com  
 To: ghl@zapnet.com  
 cc: margo35@kwikmail.co.uk  
 Subject: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Hi!

Thought you'd like to know that the conference was very successful. The talks **were / had been** really interesting and all the speakers **had prepared / prepared** their material very thoroughly. Everyone agreed we should do the same next year.

However there were some problems with the conference center. When we **arrived / had arrived**, we **discovered / had discovered** that the manager **reserved / had reserved** the wrong room for us. This meant that we **didn't have / hadn't had** enough space. Unfortunately, he couldn't let us have the larger room because he **gave / had given** it to another group, which was even bigger than ours.

He **also misunderstood / had also misunderstood** the letter explaining what food we **wanted / had wanted**. In fact, **we suspect / had suspected** that he **lost / had lost** it. I don't recommend using that place again!

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### COMPLETE THE EMAIL WITH SUITABLE VERBS IN THE CORRECT FORM: PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE, PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS, PRESENT SIMPLE, PAST SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS.

Dear Nick,

We **ARE HAVING** a wonderful time here in Prague. We **HAVE BEEN** here for three days now and we **HAVE DECIDED / INTEND / PLAN / ARE WILLING** to stay for the rest of the week because we **ARE ENJOYING** ourselves so much.

We **HAVE VISITED / HAVE SEEN** the Charles Bridge and the Castle, and this morning we **WALKED** around other historic places, including Kafka's house.

I **TOOK** this photo just before lunch. We **HAVEN'T BOUGHT** any souvenirs yet, but we **HAVE VISITED** to some good art galleries and shops.



Fortunately, the weather **HASN'T BEEN** too cold so far. People **SAY** it can be really bad at this time of year and of course it often **SNOWS / RAINS** heavily here! As this is the first time we **HAVE BEEN** to Prague, we **THINK** that we're just lucky.

See you soon,

Roberto and Jan