

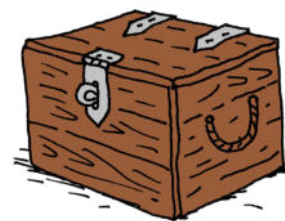
The mysterious chest – part 1



Doug and Maya live in London and are best friends.

They love nature and want to protect the environment. They decide to plant some new trees in the garden of Maya's grandfather on a hot summer day. The work is very hard and they are very sweaty¹ and thirsty. Suddenly² they find a mysterious old

chest³ in the ground. Excited to see what's inside, they open the chest and find two very old letters. Doug and Maya open the first letter.



Dear friend,

my name is Seamus Conolly. I am a very famous pirate from England. In the year 1775, I lived here in London. While I was here, I buried⁴ a chest filled with all my gold under a big tree next to a church. The location is Victoria Street _____.

Doug and Maya are excited! They have to find the correct street number to find the treasure! Maybe there is a clue in the second letter? But what's that? There are a lot of mistakes in the letter. In many of the sentences, the tenses aren't correct!

THE FAMOUS PIRATE SEAMUS CONOLLY

I, THE KING OF ENGLAND, want to tell the world about the pirate Seamus Conolly. Here are ten noteworthy⁵ facts about him:

① Simple present or present progressive? Watch out for signal words!

1. He is the best pirate of England. The name of his ship is *The Black Pearl*.
2. Every year, he is coming back to England to give me, the king, some of his gold.
3. Usually, he is drinking a lot of rum when he is on his ship.
4. Every Christmas, he is buying a new ship.
5. Pirates are always living on a ship.
6. Sometimes the captain and his crew are eating very old, stinky fish.
7. At this moment, his crew gets ready for their next adventure.
8. His son always travels with him. His wife never travels with him.
9. His daughter is playing the piano every day in my castle.
10. His crew is repairing *The Black Pearl* right now.

How many sentences have incorrect tenses? _____



1 sweaty – verschwitz
2 suddenly – plötzlich
3 chest – Truhe/Kiste
4 (to) bury – vergraben
5 noteworthy – bemerkenswert

The mysterious chest – part 2



Victoria Street 7 – the treasure must be there! Maya and Doug get on their bikes and ride to the location very quickly. When they arrive, they see a church and a big tree. “This is the right place!” Doug shouts with a big smile on his face. They quickly start to dig⁶ a big hole. A few minutes later, Doug finds an old treasure chest. They take out the chest and open it with excitement⁷ ...

Inside, they find a pile⁸ of gold coins. “Yes, we are rich!” Maya shouts. “Hey look, there is another letter,” Doug says. They are very nervous. “Do you think that... that maybe there is another treasure somewhere?” Maya asks Doug.



Extra task:

Maya and Doug open the letter.

*Wow! You have found my gold treasure! Well done! Maybe you can find the next treasure, too?
Do you need the simple present or present progressive?*

Examples:

- The pirates of the Black Pearl **is / are** singing (sing) a song right now.
- A good pirate never **is / are** rides on a horse.

- The Captain's sister **is / are** _____ (buy) a new house in London right now.
- Pirates always **is / are** _____ (eat) old, stinky fish.
- The Captain **is / are** _____ (drink) a bottle of rum right now.
- At this moment, the king **is / are** _____ (go) back to his castle.
- Usually, the king **is / are** _____ (bake) a cake for Captain Seamus Conolly when he is in London.
- A pirate never **is / are** _____ (leave) his ship when he is on the water.
- A good pirate never **is / are** _____ (live) in a house. He lives on a boat his whole life.

Solution: The treasure is under the _____ n in London.

6 (to) dig – graben
7 excitement – Aufregung
8 pile – Haufen

Locked in the British Museum – part 1



You and your best friend Johnny are on a trip to London. You have spent the whole day at the British Museum and the two of you have learnt a lot about history– especially about the British kings and queens. Unfortunately, it's Sunday and the museum is very crowded¹⁹.

Before you go home, you both want to use the toilet. When you come back a few minutes later, Johnny notices²⁰ something strange²¹: "Where is everybody? It seems like we are the only people left in the museum," he says nervously. You look around and see that he is right: There is nobody else in the museum!

The two of you run to the exit and try to open the doors, but they are locked! You try all the other doors, but they are locked, too. "Damn!²² How do we get out of the museum?" you ask Johnny. Suddenly you hear a scary voice behind you: "Welcome to the British Museum!" Johnny and you turn around and see that one of the statues²³ has come to life²⁴ and is talking to you. "Find the code to leave the museum again!" the statue says and takes out an old piece of paper.

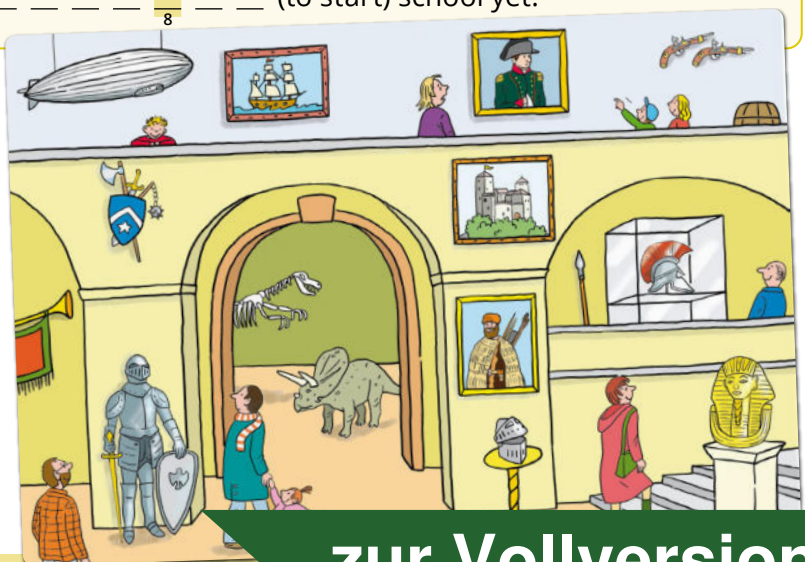
"Why are you alive²⁵?" Johnny asks the statue. Your knees are shaking and you can see that Johnny is extremely scared, too. But the statue doesn't answer. It just looks at you with a creepy²⁶ smile on its face. Finally, you walk towards the statue, take the piece of paper out of its hands and open it.

The code to unlock the door is:

Do you know how to use the *present perfect* correctly?

- King Charles **has / have** (to be) the king of England since 2022.
- Prince William and Princess Kate **has / have** never (to eat) crocodile meat.
- Prince Harry and his wife **has / have** (to live) in the Unites States for more than three years.
- Prince Harry **has / have** just (to write) a book about his life.
- The British Museum **has / have** (to open) a new exhibition²⁷ about The Royal Family²⁸.
- King Charles and his wife **hasn't / haven't** (to visit) a football stadium in Germany yet.
- King Charles **has / have** (to do) a lot of interesting things.
- Prince George **hasn't / haven't** (to start) school yet.

- 19 crowded – überfüllt
- 20 (to) notice sth. – etwas bemerken
- 21 strange – komisch
- 22 Damn! – Verdammt!
- 23 statue – Statue
- 24 (to) come to life – lebendig werden
- 25 alive – lebendig
- 26 creepy – gruselig
- 27 exhibition – Ausstellung
- 28 The Royal Family – die königliche Familie



Locked in the British Museum – part 2





You enter the code **b-e-v-t-e-s-n-t** and ... the door opens! You and Johnny both cheer²⁹. Then, you hear the statue's voice again: "Well done, my friends! You have found the correct code! Now, enjoy the rest of your time here in London. It's the most beautiful city in the world!" the statue says. You and Johnny smile, turn around and walk out of the door.

Extra task:

Which words are signal words for the *present perfect*? Which words are signal words for the *simple past*? Draw a line between the signal word and the correct tense.



since

for

last year

ever

a week ago

already

in 2018

never

yesterday

present perfect

simple past

