## Answers 2

- Everyone's very nice to me. / Everyone's being very nice to me. / \* I'm not knowing why. \*
- I'll see Luis later. / I'll be seeing Luis later.
- I've cut my finger. / \*I've been cutting my finger.\*
- always gives ... / ... is always giving ...
- What do you do? / What are you doing?
- He fired a gun. / He was firing a gun.
- She died. / She was dying.
- I've checked my emails. / I've been checking my emails.
- The train leaves in five minutes. / The train is leaving in five minutes.
- That room is used as a study. / That room is being used as a study.

### Answers 3

1. They've been married for thirty years.

It started in the past and continues up to now.

They were married for thirty years.

It started and finished in the past. It is a completed past event so they are now either divorced or dead.

2. I come form Scotland.

A state that is always true. I am Scottish.

I've come from Scotland.

A present result of a past action. Scotland is where I was before I came here.

3. When I've talked to him, I'll tell you.

I'll tell you after I finish talking to him.

When I talk to him, I'll tell him.

I'll tell him at the time I am talking to him.

# The arrangements will be finalized on Friday. A statement of true fact. This will take place on Friday. The arrangements will have been finalized by Friday. This will take place some time between now and before Friday.

# 2. Did you ever meet my grandfather? In the past – now he is dead.

Have you ever met my grandfather?

At any time up to now. He's still alive and you still have the chance to meet him.

## 3. I wish I knew the way.

But I don't. A regret about now – wishing something was different in the present. Because it is hypothetical, we use the past form knew to refer to an unreal present.

I wish I'd known the way.

But I didn't. A regret about the past. Because it is hypothetical, we use the Past Perfect to refer to an unreal past.

#### Answers 5

- 1. Jack is being interviewed by Lady Bracknell.
- 2. His money is invested in stocks and shares.
- 3. Gwendolen can't be expected to live in the country.
- 4. Jack was given the name Worthing.
- 5. The bag had been found at Victoria Station.
- 6. Oscar Wilde was imprisoned for two years.

## Answers 6

Harriet is single, and is unfortunately not looking very good when she meets her friend, Nina, who has a new boyfriend with her. Harriet is very attracted to this man. Nina is a very stylish, elegant woman, who always looks like a fashion model, and is usually seen with a boyfriend.