Old friends: Test your tenses

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a Write the verbs in the correct tense in the column on the right to complete the dialogue. Choose from: present simple/continuous, past simple and present perfect simple/continuous.

1 not recognize	8 live	15 go back
2 not see	9 be	16 still live
3 meet	10 buy	17 stay
4 be	11 wear	18 look
5 do	12 be	19 see
6 live	13 have	20 find
7 just come back	14 break	21 meet

VERB

Tim Debbie! Hi! What a coincidence seeing you here! How are you?

Debbie Tim! I'm fine. It's great to see you. I almost 1 _____ you with a beard! I 2 _____ you for years!

Tim It must be at least six. I can't remember the last time we 3 _____ .

Debbie Oh, I can. It 4 _____ in Budapest in 1998.

Tim Wow! What a memory. What 5 _____ now, Debbie?

Debbie I 6 _____ in New York. I 7 _____ to visit my mother.

Tim Great! How long 8 _____ in New York?

Debbie I 9 _____ there since 1999. We 10 _____ a house last year.

Tim I see you 11 _____ a wedding ring.

Debbie Yes, that's right.

Tim Fantastic! How long 12 _____ married?

Debbie For two years. We 13 _____ our first child six months ago. Are you still with … what was her name … Erika?

Tim No, we 14 _____ up last year. She 15 _____ to Hungary.

Debbie Oh, I'm sorry. 16 _____ where you used to live?

Tim No, I 17 _____ with my mum at the moment. I 18 _____ for a flat for months. I 19 _____ about fifty but I 20 _____ what I want yet.

Debbie Listen Tim. I'll have to rush now. I 21 _____ my sister in ten minutes. See you sometime.

Tim Bye, Debbie.

b Practise the conversation in pairs. Concentrate on using good pronunciation. In pairs, cover the **VERB** column and try to remember the verbs.