

# English Tenses - Test

## **A - Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps.**

- 1) I sometimes\_\_\_\_\_to the cinema. (*to go*)
- 2) Yesterday our teacher\_\_\_\_\_ill. (*to be*)
- 3) It\_\_\_\_\_in the West the next night. (*not/to rain*)
- 4) Listen! The baby\_\_\_\_\_. (*to cry*)
- 5) We\_\_\_\_\_our bikes soon. (*to ride*)
- 6) My father\_\_\_\_\_the family car. It still looks dirty. (*not/to clean*)
- 7) On Sundays the students\_\_\_\_\_early. (*not/to get up*)
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_Wales? (*ever/you/to visit*)
- 9) We\_\_\_\_\_the pets now. (*to feed*)
- 10) They\_\_\_\_\_an essay last month. (*to write*)

## **B - Which answers are correct?**

### **1) What are typical signal words for the Simple Present?**

- a) yesterday
- b) just
- c) sometimes
- d) every day
- e) at the moment
- f) often

### **2) What are typical signal words for the Simple Past?**

- a) yesterday
- b) ever
- c) now
- d) three days ago
- e) in 1995
- f) last month

### **3) What are typical signal words for the Present Perfect?**

- a) just
- b) already
- c) yet
- d) Look!
- e) usually
- f) two hours ago

### **4) What are typical signal words for the Present Progressive?**

- a) next week
- b) Listen!
- c) never
- d) at the moment
- e) yesterday
- f) now

**5) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Present?**

- a) He is from Japan.
- b) We are not going to feed the pets.
- c) Anne does not play chess.
- d) We play soccer every weekend.
- e) She is listening to an audio book.
- f) Do they go for a walk?

**6) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Past?**

- a) I lived in Odessa from 1985 to 1986)
- b) Emily has just come home from school.
- c) They play tennis every Friday afternoon.
- d) There will be some rain in the East.
- e) Did you phone me last night?
- f) Yesterday my friend invited me to his party.

**7) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Perfect?**

- a) We aren't phoning now.
- b) I have a brother.
- c) She hasn't visited her uncle for half a year.
- d) Have you ever been to Edinburgh?
- e) Last year I was in Salt Lake City.
- f) I've forgotten my homework.

**8) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Progressive?**

- a) Wait a moment! I'll carry this box for you.
- b) I'm making a cheese cake right now.
- c) Last year we were in France.
- d) Have you already had a cup of tea yet?
- e) Are you cleaning the floor?
- f) Are you from New Zealand?

**9) Which sentences/questions are in the will-future?**

- a) He'll never make it.
- b) We won't be at your party.
- c) Does this train leave from platform 12?
- d) They are coming to the party.
- e) Pat is not going to fly to Paris in May.
- f) I think Sue will arrive at 6 o'clock.

**10) Which sentences/questions are in the going to-future?**

- a) Are they in the school choir?
- b) Are they going to look for a present?
- c) She has never been to Africa.
- d) The teacher is checking the homework.
- e) I am not going to send a text message to Bob.
- f) Christine is going to walk to town.

**C - Which form is correct?**

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| 1)<br>a) we is playing<br>b) we are plaing<br>c) we are playing | 6)<br>a) Andy run<br>b) Andy runs<br>c) Andy rans                         |
| 2)<br>a) he sung<br>b) he singed<br>c) he sang                  | 7)<br>a) Max tries<br>b) Max trys<br>c) Max try                           |
| 3)<br>a) Susan has written<br>b) Susan have written             | 8)<br>a) she understood<br>b) she understood                              |
| 4)<br>a) I were<br>b) I was                                     | 9)<br>a) you are been<br>b) you have been<br>c) you has been              |
| 5)<br>a) they be<br>b) they will be                             | 10)<br>a) it is going to rain<br>b) it are going to rain<br>c) it is rain |

**D - Form affirmative sentences using the given words.**

**they / to play / cards**

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| 1) Simple Present      | _____ |
| 2) Simple Past         | _____ |
| 3) Present Progressive | _____ |
| 4) Present Perfect     | _____ |
| 5) will-future         | _____ |
| 6) going to-future     | _____ |

**E - Rewrite the sentences using long or contracted forms.**

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| 1) She's not from Cardiff.             | _____ |
| 2) We are reading a novel.             | _____ |
| 3) They have booked a flight.          | _____ |
| 4) I'll carry this bag for you.        | _____ |
| 5) He did not make breakfast.          | _____ |
| 6) You aren't going to learn the poem. | _____ |
| 7) She's not played the trumpet.       | _____ |
| 8) It will not be windy tonight.       | _____ |
| 9) He's wearing an old shirt.          | _____ |
| 10) We don't like fish.                | _____ |

***F - Negate the following sentences.***

1) Tony arrived in Chicago at 11.30.

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2) We are cleaning the kitchen.

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3) The shop assistant has checked the cash register.

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4) The train leaves from platform 7.

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5) Susan likes cheese.

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6) You'll like this village.

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7) They are going to buy a cheap car.

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8) He has invited Andy to his party.

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9) Mary was late.

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10) Mel will be 14 next Sunday.

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