



Simple Tenses

Watch the video. Then answer the exercises below.



Note: The time indicator is not always explicit, but implied in the situation.

Match the sentences to its time indicator. Focus on the verbs to decide.

_____, Leo Kanner described autism as a specific pattern of 'abnormal behaviour' known as 'early infantile autism'.	Over 20 years later
Kanner made no estimate of the possible numbers of people with this condition but he thought that it was rare.	very often
_____, Victor Lotter published the first results of an epidemiological study of children with the behaviour pattern described by Kanner in the former county of Middlesex, which gave an overall prevalence rate of 4.5 per 10,000 children (Lotter, 1966).	Nowadays
_____, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) refers to a range of conditions characterised by some degree of impaired social behaviour, communication and language, and a narrow range of interests and activities that are both unique to the individual and carried out repetitively.	In 1943
Based on epidemiological studies conducted over the past 50 years, the prevalence of ASD will increase globally _____. There are many possible explanations for this apparent increase, including improved awareness, expansion of diagnostic criteria, better diagnostic tools and improved reporting	In the years to come
People with ASD are _____ subject to stigma and discrimination, including unjust deprivation of health care, education and opportunities to engage and participate in their communities	in 1943

Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses. The highlighted time indicators will help you decide the tense.

1. _____ medicine _____ a medical test to detect ASD? (time implied) (offer)
2. People with ASD often _____ problems with social, emotional, and communication skills. (have)
3. They usually _____ certain behaviors and might not want change in their daily activities. (repeat)
4. A sign of ASD _____ during early childhood and typically lasts throughout a person's life. (time implied) (begin)
5. In 1944, Hans Asperger (new evidence about his problematic history has recently been revealed and provoked a big debate) in Vienna _____ an account of children with many similarities to Kanner autism, but who _____ abilities, including grammatical language, in the average or superior range. (publish), (have).
6. _____ the term and concept of Asperger as a condition _____ being used, after the revelation of his history? (time implied) (continue)
7. The detection of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Mexico has been a challenge. Parents, health and educational professionals _____ how to detect symptoms. (time implied) (not - know).
8. Public awareness of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in Mexico can be traced back to the late 1970s when families affected by ASD _____ places where their children could receive treatment. (not-have)
9. Therefore, in those years, given that fewer options for diagnosis and treatment existed in other states, most families _____ to Mexico City. (head)
10. As a first step, a reliable study, with a large representative sample of the city of Leon in Mexico (Fombonne et al., 2016) provides estimates and a study template that _____ hopefully _____ applied and improved in larger scale studies conducted in other states within Mexico and elsewhere in the near future. (be)