

Mixed Tenses

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

They (drive) to Manchester.

Present simple: They _____ to Manchester.

Present continuous: They _____ to Manchester.

Past simple: They _____ to Manchester.

Past continuous: They _____ to Manchester.

Present perfect simple: They _____ to Manchester.

Susan (sing) beautifully.

Present simple: Susan _____ beautifully.

Present continuous: Susan _____ beautifully.

Past simple: Susan _____ beautifully.

Past continuous: Susan _____ beautifully.

Present perfect: Susan _____ beautifully.

I (work) in a shop.

Present simple: I _____ in a shop.

Present continuous: I _____ in a shop.

Past simple: I _____ in a shop.

Past continuous: I _____ in a shop.

Present perfect: I _____ in a shop.



2. Use the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences. Use the correct tense.



1. When I _____ (look) out of the window, I _____ (see) John.

2. _____ you ever _____ (play) the piano since you left school?

3. I _____ (not see) him for two days.

4. When he _____ (try) to open the door, he _____ (drop) his key.

5. They _____ (live) in this house since 1987.

6. My father _____ (wash) his car while my mother and I (prepare) dinner.

7. _____ you _____ (meet) her yesterday?

8. Mary _____ (be) in London for three days.

9. The headmaster _____ (enter) the classroom when they _____ (write) their exams.

10. He _____ (buy) a new car last week.

11. I think that they _____ (arrive) tomorrow morning.

12. Last Wednesday they _____ (play) chess after they _____ (do) their homework.

13. Please don't make so much noise. I _____ (study) for my online degree. 14. Water _____ (boil) at 100 degrees Celsius. 15. Carol often _____ (learn) with her father.
16. It _____ (rain) now. It _____ (begin) raining two hours ago. So, it _____ (rain) for two hours.

3. Simple present – present continuous – simple past ? Fill in the correct tense.

Every summer our class _____ (go) on a short trip. Last year we _____ (go) to a zoo. Our teacher _____ (be) very nervous. Teachers _____ (be) often nervous on a school trip. But why? We _____ (not understand) that. I _____ (take) lots of photos of a baby elephant with my cell phone. "Why you _____ (not take) photos of other animals, too?" my friend _____ (ask) me. But I _____ (not want) to take photos of other animals. I _____ (want) to take photos of all my friends. They _____ (have) some bananas and _____ (show) them to the gorillas. "What you _____ (do) there? Come to me!" our teacher _____ (shout). We _____ (find) a nice place for a picnic. But nobody _____ (eat) a banana, but the gorillas _____ (have) a nice lunch that day. It _____ (be) a great day at the zoo, and we _____ (have) a lot of fun.

