

Overall tense revision

1. Choose the best option to complete the sentences.

- a) Learning about dictatorships _____ you appreciate the freedom we enjoy nowadays.
- b) Joshua _____ in line to cast his vote for the first time.
- c) We _____ so used to democracy that we take it for granted.
- d) I'm working on the poll. We _____ votes for the last three hours.
- e) I _____ any of the propositions, so I have no idea whom to vote for.
- f) I _____ when the election results were announced.
- g) Election day _____ when I turned 18, so I had to wait to be able to vote for the first time.
- h) I've finally decided who I _____ for next weekend. What about you?

a. helps is helping

e. wasn't reading didn't read

b. waits is waiting

f. was already sleeping already slept

c. have grown have been growing

g. had already passed passed

d. have counted have been counting

h. am going to vote am voting

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Present simple - routines, general truths, facts

Present continuous - actions happening at the moment of speaking, future arrangements

Present perfect simple - from a time in the past up to the moment of speaking, experiences, recent completed actions

Present perfect continuous - a single activity that started in the past and is still in progress

Past simple - completed past actions

Past continuous - actions in progress at a point of time in the past

Past perfect simple - an action that happened before another action in the past

Will - predictions based on opinions, spontaneous decisions, promises

Be going to - predictions based on evidence, future plans, intentions

2. Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined expressions with the ones in brackets, Use an appropriate verb tense and make all the necessary changes.

a) Political debates were broadcast on TV last week. (before every election)

Political debates _____ .

b) I will read the main candidates' proposals tomorrow. (now)

c) I was interested in politics when I was young. (since)

d) I distributed pamphlets yesterday. (all day)

e) I am going to join a campaign group this afternoon. (yesterday)

f) I have been working at the polls this weekend, so I couldn't go to the dinner party. (last weekend)

I _____ , so I couldn't go to the dinner party.

g) My parents were voting when I arrived. (by the time)

My parents _____ *when I arrived*.

h) I had no idea who would win the last election. (next)

I have no idea _____ .