

PAST SIMPLE - PAST CONTINUOUS (2)

1. We _____ TV last night. (watch)
2. The train _____ at 6.30. (leave)
3. Mother _____ the dishes - (wash) when the phone
_____. (ring)
5. We _____ a nice party last Saturday, (have)
6. In 55 B. C. Julius Caesar _____ to Britain. (come)
7. Father _____ in his car - (wait) while mother
_____. (shop)
9. I couldn't come, because I _____ ill. (be)
10. Just as he _____ to bed, (go)
the lights _____ out. (go)
12. The car suddenly _____. (stop)
13. It _____ (rain) when he _____ out of
the window. (look)
15. Father _____ home yesterday. (not come)
He _____ lunch in a restaurant. (have)
16. I _____ through the window. (look)
Some students _____ on the blackboard, (write)
17. We _____ an English song, (sing) when the door
_____. (open)
18. Mother _____ the rooms last Saturday. (clean)

Ex.: Present Perfect or Past Simple

Complete the mini-dialogues with the correct tense, present perfect or simple past. Look out for 'signal words'.

Sean: I _____ (never, be) to Paris.

Jane: Oh, I _____ (go) there last summer. I _____ (do) a language course there. I _____ (make) a lot of new friends too.

Sean: And your French is fantastic. _____ (you, ever, think) about studying there?

Jane: No, thanks. I'm quite happy with our British university system. I _____ (apply) to London, Reading, Bristol and a couple more.

Sean: _____ (you, hear) anything yet?

Jane: No, it's too early. I only _____ (send off) the application forms last week.

Jill: Rob and I _____ (go) to that new Indian restaurant last night.

Pete: You mean the one in Hadley Road?

Jill: That's right. _____ (have, you, ever) there?

Pete: Not yet. But Trish _____ (already, be) there twice—and it _____ (only, be) open a week. She _____ (love) the meal, especially the sauces. She says she _____ (never, eat) such great Indian food. What _____ (you, order)?

Jill: Well, I _____ (have) tandoori chicken and Rob _____ (order) lamb curry.

Ann: _____ (you, see) Pat recently? She _____ (not, call) for over a week. I _____ (not, see) her since her birthday.

Liz: Well, actually I _____ (just, speak) to her. She _____ (be) very busy this week. You know that she _____ (start) her holiday job last Monday. Well, she _____ (never, work) in an office before, so she _____ (have to) learn a lot of new things this week.



Present Tense – Cumulative Review

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in *any* aspect of the present tense.

Ring! Ring!

Beto: Hello.

Justin: May I please speak to Beto?

Beto: Yes, this is he.

Justin: Beto! How (be) _____⁽¹⁾ you? This is Justin.

Beto: Ahhh...Justin! I (be) _____⁽²⁾ fine. How are you?

Justin: I'm great, thanks.

Beto: That (be) _____⁽³⁾ good. So, what's up?

Justin: Well, I (have) _____⁽⁴⁾ a question for you.

Beto: Sure.

Justin: My motorcycle (be) _____⁽⁵⁾ broken. I (try) _____⁽⁶⁾ to repair it for days. I (no, know) _____⁽⁷⁾ what is wrong with it. I (no, can, fix) _____⁽⁸⁾ it.

Justin: Have you tried to start it?

Beto: Yes, I (try) _____⁽⁹⁾ to start it many times, but it just won't work. The motorcycle is pretty new. I just got it last November.

Beto: Hmm. Well, what (happen) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ when you try to start it? What kind of noise does it make?

Justin: It (make) _____⁽¹¹⁾ a strange sound. Then the engine (die) _____⁽¹²⁾

Beto: Okay. (You, stand) _____⁽¹³⁾ beside it right now?

Justin: Yes.

Beto: Okay. There are some things that you need to check. First, you need to inspect the spark plugs.

Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (inspect) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ them under a light now. They look clean.



Beto: Okay, that's good. Now, you need to check the oil. It's possible that you don't have enough.

Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (check) _____⁽¹⁵⁾ the oil right now. It (look) _____⁽¹⁶⁾ clean, and the tank is full. I just filled it up last week, so I didn't think that would be the problem.

Beto: Okay, that's good. Now you need to test the battery. (You, have) _____
_____⁽¹⁷⁾ a battery tester?

Justin: Yes, I do. My brother got me one for my birthday.

Let's see...okay, I (use) _____⁽¹⁸⁾ it right now. The battery (appear) _____⁽¹⁹⁾ to be full of life.

Beto: Hmm. That is strange. I (wonder) _____⁽²⁰⁾ what the problem could be!

Justin: Yes...very strange. I (not, understand) _____⁽²¹⁾ it. My brother thinks the motorcycle is trash. He (not, think) _____
_____⁽²²⁾ it will ever start again. He (say) _____⁽²³⁾ I need to take it to the junkyard.

Beto: That's too bad. Well, there (be) _____⁽²⁴⁾ one more thing you can check.

Justin: Really?

Beto: Yes, but I am sure you (check) _____⁽²⁵⁾ it already. It's probably the first thing you thought of.

Justin: Well, what is it?

Beto: The gas level.

Justin: Wait! I (not, check) _____⁽²⁶⁾ that yet! Hold on! I (check) _____⁽²⁷⁾ the gas level now.

Beto: Well, what (do) _____⁽²⁸⁾ it look like?

Justin: It (look) _____⁽²⁹⁾ empty! Wow, that (be) _____⁽³⁰⁾ the problem. How embarrassing. I am sorry that I bothered you about this!

Beto: That's okay. The same thing (happen) _____⁽³¹⁾ to me before. You had better go get some gas! Talk you to you later!

Justin: Okay, thanks!