

Task 1

Identify the tenses, then match them to the correct descriptions.

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| 1 The plane to Sydney leaves at eleven o'clock. | a actions which started in the past and continue up to the present |
| 2 I have written two letters this morning. | b action which has recently finished and whose result is visible in the present |
| 3 They re going on holiday on Saturday. | c to put emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present |
| 4 Graham has known Errol for five years. | d to express criticism or annoyance |
| 5 You re always leaving the door open. | e timetables and programmes |
| 6 We are rehearsing a new play at the moment. | f actions that we have arranged to do in the near future |
| 7 George has bought a new car. | g action which has happened within a specific time period which is not over at the moment of speaking |
| 8 Lisa has been cleaning the house all morning. | h action which happened at an unstated time in the past |
| 9 Look! Alison has dyed her hair! | i changing or developing situations |
| 10 More and more people are recycling their rubbish. | j temporary actions |

Task 2

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

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| 1 A: Tortoises .. (live) to be very old.
B: I've heard of one which is over a hundred years old. | |
| 2 A: Are you still busy?
B: Yes. I (read) this article for an hour and I still (not/finish). | |
| 3 A: More and more people (go) to university these days.
B: Yes. I think it's a good thing. | |
| 4 A: I (have) a party tonight. Do you want to come?
B: Yes. What time does it start? | |
| 5 A: Why are your shoes wet?
B: I (wash) the car. | |
| 6 A: What's the matter?
B: I (break) my ankle. | |
| 7 A: What do I need to do next?
B: You (add) the sugar to the mixture and you (mix) it well. | |
| 8 A: Who (use) my car?
B: I have. | |
| 9 A: Are you new here?
B: No. Actually, I (live) here for almost ten years. | |
| | 10 A: Pete is playing his music very loud.
B: Again! He (always/do) that! |
| | 11 A: Have you made plans for Saturday yet?
B: I (go) to the cinema with Jack. |
| | 12 A: Mr Collins is a very good teacher.
B: Well, he (teach) Maths for twenty-five years, you know. |
| | 13 A: Are you going to the concert on Saturday night?
B: Yes. Actually, I (already/buy) the tickets. |
| | 14 A: Hello, Simon.
B: Oh! We (always/meet) each other in this supermarket. |

Answers:

Task 1:

- 2 g - present perfect
- 3 f - present continuous
- 4 a - present perfect
- 5 d - present continuous
- 6 j - present continuous
- 7 h - present perfect
- 8 c - present perfect continuous
- 9 b - present perfect
- 10 i - present continuous

Task 2

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| 2 have been reading, have not/haven't finished | 9 have been living/ have lived |
| 3 are going | 10 is always doing |
| 4 am having | 11 am going |
| 5 have been washing | 12 has been teaching/has taught |
| 6 have broken | 13 have already bought |
| 7 add, mix | 14 are always meeting |
| 8 has been using | |