

ASSIGNMENT #1 – Tense Review
GROUP C

1. Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

HELP – REST – NEED – NOT UNDERSTAND – SHOUT – WORK

- 1) I can't come out at the moment because I _____ my sister with her homework.
- 2) Why _____ you _____? My grandfather can hear you.
- 3) My cousin always _____ in a restaurant on Saturday afternoons.
- 4) Can you say that again? I _____ the question.
- 5) Can I help you, Dad? _____ you _____ anything?
- 6) My sister _____ right now because she doesn't feel well.

2. Write questions for these answers.

- 1) _____
I play basketball on Fridays.
- 2) _____
My mum is working at the moment.
- 3) _____
My uncle and aunt live in Liverpool.
- 4) _____
No, my cousin isn't studying at university.
- 5) _____
My grandparents go for a walk in the mornings.
- 6) _____
My family and I usually go to the cinema at the weekend.

3. Look at the picture. Write sentences about what the different members of the family (including pets) are doing or not doing. Use the present continuous form.



- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

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4. Complete the dialogue about the picture using the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs given.

Molly: Hi, Julia! What _____ you _____ (**DO**)? Are you at home?

Julia: Yes. I never _____ (**GO**) out on Wednesdays.

Molly: _____ you _____ (**WATCH**) TV?

Julia: No, right now my mum _____ (**WATCH**) her favourite series. She always _____ (**WATCH**) it on Wednesday.

Molly: What's that sound? _____ somebody _____ (**CRY**)?

Julia: Yeah... it's my baby cousin.

Molly: _____ she always _____ (**CRY**) like that?

Julia: No, she _____. _____ you _____ (**KNOW**) what my dad _____ (**DO**) at the moment?

Molly: No, I _____.

Julia: He _____ (**LISTEN**) to loud music because he _____ (**HATE**) the sound of crying! And the amazing thing is that now my grandfather _____ (**SLEEP**). He usually _____ (**SLEEP**) in the afternoon. I don't know how he does it!

5. Choose the correct options. Read carefully!

- 1) I *listened / was listening to* the radio when I *heard / was hearing* this fantastic song.
- 2) When the teacher *said / was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried / was still trying* to finish the last question.
- 3) I feel really silly! While I *danced / was dancing*, I *fell / was falling* and *broke / was breaking* my elbow.
- 4) Tim *played / was playing* a computer game when his mum *called / was calling* him for lunch.
- 5) I *looked / was looking for* a file on my memory stick when I *noticed / was noticing* there was a virus.
- 6) Ron *found / was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surfing / was surfing* the internet.
- 7) My mum *had / was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled / was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- 8) When you *saw / were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go / wasn't going to* school, I *went / was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- 9) How many pictures *did you take / were you taking* while you *travelled / were travelling* around Ireland?
- 10) Why *did you chat / were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried / was trying* to tell you something really important?

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6. Complete the story with the correct past tense form (simple or continuous) of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, while I _____ (TRY) to do my English homework on my laptop, the battery _____ (RUN OUT). I _____ (LIE) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I _____ also (CHAT) to my friend Daniel on Facebook. OK, so I _____ (NOT CONCENTRATE) very hard on my homework and I _____ (FORGET) to plug in my laptop! I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen _____ (GO) black. I _____ (LOSE) everything! I _____ (SCREAM) in frustration. My dad _____ (COME) running into my bedroom. I _____ almost _____ (CRY) so he _____ (GIVE) me his laptop. I _____ (TRY) to remember everything in my essay – it _____ (BE) quite difficult especially because Daniel was sending me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I was watching one, the WiFi stopped working. In the end it was probably better because I _____ (MANAGE) to finish the essay.