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**Exercise 1**

**Subject-verb-agreement**

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

Peter and Paul are twin brothers. They \_\_\_\_\_ (looks / look) so alike that sometimes even their parents \_\_\_\_\_ (gets / get) confused. However, Peter and Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) very different in character. Peter is quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ (likes / like) reading and music. Paul, on the other hand, is very active and \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoys / enjoy) all kinds of sports. Both Peter and Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (goes / go) to the same school and \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) in the same class. One of their teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (likes / like) them very much because they always \_\_\_\_\_ (helps / help) her. The twins have a good appetite but neither of them \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) obese.

## Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. The attention given to the tabloid news reports \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) ridiculous.
2. The gardeners, together with the caretaker, \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) having tea under the shady tree now.
3. Each boy and girl \_\_\_\_\_ (receive / receives) a certificate of participation after the event.
4. My neighbours next door \_\_\_\_\_ (is moving / have moved) out of this estate recently.
5. The nest of rabbits \_\_\_\_\_ (has been / have been) exterminated by the hunters early this morning.
6. James \_\_\_\_\_ (is overhearing / overhears) his confident opponents discussing their strategies.
7. Not one of the real-life stories \_\_\_\_\_ (touch / touches) her heart like this particular one.
8. The success of these ventures \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were) short-lived as they were fads.
9. Benji \_\_\_\_\_ (have / has) witnessed Lily slip a pen into her handbag.
10. The Kengs \_\_\_\_\_ (are / have) helping at the old folks' home this December.

### Exercise 3

#### Tenses

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ on the project all night. (work)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ all day and am very tired. (travel)
3. Kevin was nervous because he hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ for a very long time. (drive)
4. We were totally drenched because we \_\_\_\_\_ in the rain all afternoon. (walk)
5. Andrea \_\_\_\_\_ all her money on books and so she has none left to buy shoes. (spend)
6. Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ the cricket match all morning. (watch)
7. Please lay the table, I \_\_\_\_\_ all evening. (cook)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ quite sick all day so I went to bed early. (feel)
9. Mrs. Wong told me that the children \_\_\_\_\_ very well all day. (behave)
10. The gardener \_\_\_\_\_ the plants for some days, so they looked pale. (water)

#### Exercise 4

Complete the following passage using the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets.

Mei Ling and her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to Kuala Lumpur in 1978 to set up a Taiwanese restaurant. However, the plan \_\_\_\_\_ (not, succeed). Her husband then \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a job as an accountant in an international organisation while she \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) herself busy taking care of their two children.

Mei Ling has lived in this country before. In the late 1960's, her father \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a dentist in Melaka and his wife and Mei Ling \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also with him. During that time, she \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English and till today she \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) her former stay here. "My links with this country \_\_\_\_\_ (start) a long time ago when Taiwan \_\_\_\_\_ (be) less well-known," she said.

Less than a year ago, Mei Ling \_\_\_\_\_ (set) up a company selling Taiwanese furniture, handicraft and household furnishings in Kuala Lumpur. Now, she \_\_\_\_\_ (run) the business with three Malaysian employees.

"I want to introduce some aspects of Taiwanese culture to Malaysia. Most of my customers \_\_\_\_\_ (be) interested in lacquer furniture with its beautiful mother-of-pearl designs. This type of furniture \_\_\_\_\_ (be) one of the most expensive in Taiwan," she said.

At present, her company \_\_\_\_\_ (participate) in the Taiwanese Festival at Hilton Hotel. The ten-day festival \_\_\_\_\_ (end) today.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to Taipei next month to buy some more furniture.  
When she \_\_\_\_\_ (is) there, she \_\_\_\_\_ (also, visit) relatives and friends. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not, forget) to buy a souvenir for her neighbour, Mrs. Raja.

### Exercise 5

#### Future Continuous Tense

Fill in the blanks with the correct future continuous tense form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Our school \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a science carnival next month.
2. My aunt Puspa \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) in Kot Kinabalu and she is very excited because she has never been there.
3. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) a seminar on health issues in Vancouver next week.

### Exercise 6

#### Future Perfect Tense

Rewrite the sentences with the correct future perfect tense.

1. By the end of this month, I will have revise at least four exam topics  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Roy is absolutely sure that his parents will have buy him his birthday present by now.  
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3. After around-the-clock training, Tom will have gains the much-needed confidence and skills to enter the Olympic Games.  
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