

SAME OR DIFFERENT?

Review of verb tenses

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Match the underlined verb below with the tenses a)-d)

- 1 We asked _____ for comments and this is what you said _____.
- 2 Men can't remember _____ what they were wearing _____ yesterday.
- 3 Women remember _____ every outfit they've worn for the past twenty years.
- 4 A baby is crying _____.

- a) Present simple
- b) Present continuous
- c) Past simple
- d) Past continuous

Complete the rules with the correct tenses a)-b).



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Rules:

- 1 We use _____ for actions, events or situations that are finished.
- 2 We use _____ for things that are going on at a particular moment in the present.
- 3 We use _____ for habits, routines and things that are always true.
- 4 We use _____ when someone was in the middle of an action at a particular moment in the past.

Some verbs are not usually used in the continuous, e.g. want, like, remember, understand, know. These are called "state verbs".

Read the text below and put the words in brackets into the correct tense.

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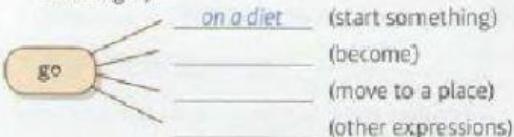
My name is Matsuko Tamazuri. I am twenty-three and I ¹ _____ (be) a student. I study French and Spanish at university in Osaka, where I ² _____ (grow up), but at the moment I ³ _____ (learn) English in New York. When I first⁴ _____ (get) here, everything ⁵ _____ (seem) different: the food, the clothes and the weather.

Now I⁶ _____ (enjoy) it and it feels like home! I have a boyfriend called Josh. I ⁷ _____ (meet) him three weeks ago when I⁸ _____ (look) for an internet café! My hobbies⁹ _____ (be) surfing the net and singing. I ¹⁰ _____ (sing) every day, usually in the bathroom!

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B Write the expressions in *italics* in the correct places in the word webs below.

1 *on a diet, home, off something, for a drink/a walk/a meal, grey*



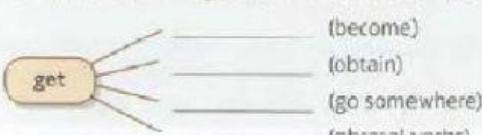
on a diet (start something)
(become)
(move to a place)
(other expressions)

2 *responsibility for, after someone, part in something, a taxi*



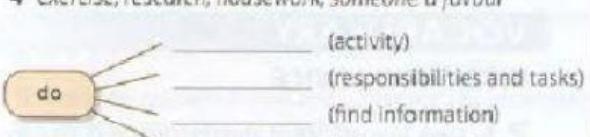
(go in a vehicle)
(join in)
(phrasal verbs)
(other expressions)

3 *married, a job/degree, on with someone, here*



(become)
(obtain)
(go somewhere)
(phrasal verbs)

4 *exercise, research, housework, someone a favour*



(activity)
(responsibilities and tasks)
(find information)
(help someone)