

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

Module 1: TENSES

PRACTICE

Ex 1. Complete the sentences using the **Present Simple** or the **Present Continuous**.

1. I (leave) _____ home at 7 o'clock every morning.
2. She (work) _____ in the Sales Department in London, but at the moment she (do) _____ a training course in Bristol.
3. Linda (clean) _____ her house every weekend.
4. He (try) _____ very hard in every game that he (play) _____.
5. Excuse me. I think that you (sit) _____ in my seat.
6. (you, listen) _____ to the radio very often?
7. Don't talk to me now. I (write) _____ an important letter.
8. Why (they, drive) _____ on the left in Britain?
9. It usually (rain) _____ here a lot, but it (not rain) _____ now.
10. What are you doing? - I (bake) _____ a cake at the moment.

Ex 2. Choose the **past simple** or **past continuous**:

1. He _____ (sleep) when the doorbell _____ (ring).
2. We _____ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
3. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the post office, _____ (buy) some fruit at the supermarket and _____ (read) a book in the park in the afternoon.
4. We _____ (watch) TV when we _____ (hear) a loud noise.
5. Julie _____ (be) in the garden when Laurence _____ (arrive).
6. A: What _____ (you / do) at 3pm yesterday?
B: I _____ (clean) my house.
7. Last year I _____ (visit) Paris and Rome.
8. They _____ (have) dinner when the police _____ (come) to the door.

Ex 3 Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous?

1. _____ (they / arrive) already?
2. Lucy _____ (run) 2000 metres today.
3. I _____ (clean) all morning – I'm fed up!

4. How long _____ (you / know) Simon?
5. I _____ (drink) more water lately, and I feel better.
6. Sorry about the mess! I _____ (bake).
7. How many times _____ (you / take) this exam?
8. He _____ (eat) six bars of chocolate today!

Ex 4. Put in 'will' or 'be going to':

1. A: We don't have any bread.
B: I know. I _____ get some from the shop.
 2. A: We don't have any bread.
B: Really? I _____ get some from the shop then.
 3. A: Why do you need to borrow my suitcase?
B: I _____ visit my mother in Scotland next month.
 4. A: I'm really cold.
B: I _____ turn the heating on.
 5. A: Are you going to John's party tonight?
B: Yes. Are you going too? I _____ give you a lift.
 6. A: What are your plans after you leave university?
B: I _____ work in a hospital in Africa. I leave on the 28th.
 7. (The phone rings)
A: I _____ get it!
 8. A: Are you ready to order?
B: I can't decide ... Okay, I _____ have the steak, please.
- Ex 5: Use the correct form of verbs in brackets.**
1. In all the world, there (be) _____ only 14 mountains that (reach) _____ above 8,000 meters.
 2. He sometimes (come) _____ to see his parents.
 3. My grandfather never (fly) _____ in an airplane, and he has no intention of ever doing so.
 4. He told me that he (take) _____ a trip to California the following week.
 5. I knew that this road (be) _____ too narrow.
 6. Right now I (attend) _____ class. Yesterday at this time I (attend) _____ class.
 7. The traffic was very heavy. By the time I (get) _____ to Mary's party, everyone already (arrive) _____.
 8. I (visit) _____ my uncle's home regularly when I (be) _____ a child.
 9. That book (be) _____ on the table for weeks. You (not read) _____ it yet?
 10. David (wash) _____ his hands. He just (repair) _____ the TV set.
 11. You (be) _____ here before? Yes, I (spend) _____ my holidays here last year.

12. We never (meet) _____ him. We don't know what he (look) _____ like.
13. It (rain) _____ hard. We can't do anything until it (stop) _____
14. That evening we (stay) _____ up to talk about the town where he (live) _____ for some years.
15. (sit) _____ down for a rest while the shoes (repair) _____.
16. London (change) _____ a lot since we first (come) _____ to live here.
17. While we (talk) _____ on the phone the children (start) _____ fighting and (break) _____ a window.
18. You know she (stand) _____ looking at that picture for the last twenty minutes.
19. I (spend) _____ a lot of time travelling since I (get) _____ this new job.
20. When we (be) _____ at school we all (study) _____ Latin.

Ex 6: Use the correct tense of the verbs in brackets to complete the following passage.

- 1.a . Albert Maltz was a progressive American writer. He (be) born in 1908. He (write) his first play "Peace on Earth" in 1943. It (be) against wars, so the American police (arrest) him and (put) him in prison in 1950.
- b. Ha (come) back a moment ago and (turn) the television on very loudly. My son (sleep) then , so I (tell) her to turn it off.
- c. Last Friday was a holiday. I (not have) to go to classes. I (sleep) a little later than usual. Around ten, my friend Larry (come) over to my apartment. We (pack) a picnic basket and then (take) the bus to Forest Park. We (spend) most of the day there.
2. Mary and John are neighbors. They (know) each other for several years. Mary (move) into her house in 1985, and John (live) next door since he (come) to the area in 1980.
3. Dennis Heal is a politician. He (go) to Oxford University in 1950 and (become) a member of Parliament for the Labor Party in 1957. He (be) an MP since then. He (write) three story books including his autobiography. He is married to the artist, Adna Heal , they (have) two children. They (live) in Oxford for 15 years, then (move) to London in 1970.
4. Paul Carrack is a musician and a singer. He (be) in the music business for over 20 years. He (start) playing professionally while he (be) at school. He (travel) all over the world. He (have) his first hit record in 1974. So far he (make) a lot of records. Young people in America and Britain (know) his name and they never (forget) his number one song "The Living Years".