

THEME 1: PRESENT TENSES 02

PRACTICE – PART 1

Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets in the present perfect or the present perfect continuous tense.

1. She (work)so hard this week that she (not have) time to go to the cinema.
2. Your hair absolutely is wet! (You swim)for a long time?
3. Bill is still a bad driver although he (drive)cars for six years.
4. You look very tired. (You work)very hard?
5. The phone (ring)for 2 minutes, but I (not answer) it yet.
6. They discover that they (take)the wrong way.
7. It is the second time she (get)a scholarship.
8. Look at the dirt on your clothes! You (dig) in the garden again?
9. Janet's niece (not/ receive)her letter yet?
10. Mary (work)so hard these days. So she hasn't got enough time to go to the movies.

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. Write the answer A, B, C or D in the box.

1. My brother graduated from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology last month and _____ for a job since then.
A. has been looking B. has looked C. was looking D. had looked
2. Tim _____ for the scholarship to study abroad in the USA at least twice.
A. applied B. is applying C. has been applying D. has applied
3. All the students _____ for their academic transcripts all this week, but they _____ them yet.
A. have waited/haven't received B. have been waiting/haven't received
C. have waited/haven't been receiving D. have been waiting/haven't been receiving.
4. I _____ for the information about the differences between further education and higher education all this morning.
A. had searched B. have been searched
C. have been searching D. have searched
5. It's the first time you _____ an online course, isn't it?
A. had ever taken B. have ever been taking
C. ever took D. have ever taken
6. The teacher _____ the speaking task on the board, so now the students are discussing it.

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- A. has already been writing B. has already written
C. already wrote D. had already written
7. Sandy _____ his sister since she _____ to university in 2014.
A. hadn't seen/went B. hasn't been seeing/went
C. didn't see/has gone D. hasn't seen/went
8. They _____ to Spain for an educational exchange and won't be back until the end of this month.
A. have gone B. went C. have been going D. is going
9. Poor Tracy! She _____ that essay for hours now and she still _____.
A. has written/hasn't finished B. has been writing/didn't finish
C. has been writing/hasn't finished D. has written/hasn't been finishing
10. Tom and Mary are still discussing the math exercise with each other because they _____ how to do it.
A. aren't working out B. haven't worked out
C. haven't been working out. D. didn't work out
11. I _____ reading a wonderful book about space travel.
A. just finish B. just do finish
C. have just finished D. have just been finishing
12. As a rule, you shouldn't argue with your hosts unless they _____ something openly offensive.
A. had said B. have been saying C. have said D. would say
13. Noah Webster _____ an American Dictionary of the English Language into volumes in 1828, and since then it _____ the recognized authority for usage in the United States.
A. published/became B. has published/has become
C. published/was becoming D. published/has become
14. She _____ of great help to us because she _____ for such a long time with us.
A. has been/had lived B. has been/has been living
C. has been/lived D. was/has lived
15. I _____ the book yet so I can't tell you what happens.
A. haven't finished B. haven't been finishing.
C. didn't finish D. hadn't finished

Exercise 3: Give the correct form of verbs in the bracket, using present tenses

1. My sister Fiona (live) with Alan just now. She (not/ work) yet. She (look)for a job.
2. The earth (get)warmer.

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3. My father (teach) Geography at a school on the outskirts.
4. It (not/ snow) in the Sahara Desert.
5. Tim and his club (go picnic) this afternoon?
6. Look! The car (burn)
7. She constantly (talk)aloud at night.
8. He (own)a big flat in the city center.
9. As soon as the director (make)his ninetieth film, he will retire.
10. How often you (attend)the English-speaking club?
11. Don't enter his room until he (finish)cleaning it up.
12. He (study)for hours and probably won't finish until midnight.
13. This is the most beautiful cave the tourists ever (visit)
14. Lately the city's traffic (become)worse.
15. He gets drunk because he (drink)too much beer.
16. The students in class 7B (have)Physics on Tuesday and Friday.
17. How many films you (see)this month?
18. The young writer (publish)2 volumes of short stories so far.
19. The festival (take)place every two years.
20. David is stiff because he (drive)all day.
21. Jack (look) forward to his vacation next June.
22. You must wake her up. She (sleep)soundly for 10 hours.
23. That student (know) all the new words very well now.
24. Up to the present, we (write)almost every lesson in this book.
25. A friend of mine, Judith Nelson, (presently/ work) in the international sales division at an electronics firm. She (just/ return)from a trip to Japan. She (be)asked to go there because she can speak Japanese. For four years, she (never/ have)the opportunity to use her Japanese until she (go)to Tokyo last month. While he (be)there, she (speak)Japanese everyday and (enjoy)very much of it.