Name: **Class:**

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Exercise 1. Use the verbs in the Simple Present tense or Present Continuous tense.

1. _____you_____(take) the exam this week? No, I _____.
2. Diane can't come to the phone because she _____ (wash) her hair.
3. Kathy _____ (sit, usually) in the front row during class, but today she _____ (sit) in the last row.
4. A: Look! It _____ (snow).

   B: It's beautiful! This is the first time I've ever seen snow. It _____ (snow, not) in my country.

Exercise 2. Use the verbs in the Simple Past tense or Past Continuous tense.

1. She _____ (drive) her car **when** she suddenly felt ill.
2. _____you _____ (hear) a strange noise last night? – Yes, I _____. I was frightened of it.
3. **When** he saw me, he _____(fall) off the wall.
4. I am sitting in class right now. I _____ (sit) in class at this exact same time yesterday.

Exercise 3. Use the SIMPLE PAST or the PRESENT PERFECT. In some sentences, either tense is possible but the meaning is different.

1. Try not to be absent from class again for the rest of the term. You (miss, already) _____ too many classes. You (miss) _____ two classes just last week.
2. Last January, I (see) _____ snow for the first time in my life.
3. In her whole lifetime, Anna (see, never) _____ snow.
4. So far this week, I (have) _____ two tests and a quiz.

Exercise 4. Use the verbs in the Simple Past or Past Perfect tense.

1. When I _____(find) my purse, someone _____(take) the money out of it.
2. He (be) _____ a newspaper reporter before he (become) _____ a businessman.
3. I (feel) _____ a little nervous after I (take)_____ the medicine.
4. It was raining hard, but by the time class (be) _____ over, the rain (stop) _____.

Exercise 5. Choose the best option.

1. Up to now, I _____a lot of information about her.

   A. will learn B. learnt C. would learn D. have learnt

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2. My parents first _____each other at the Olympic Games in 1982.

A. had meet B. met C. have met D. meet

3. While Carl was washing his car, he _____some dents in the door.

A. was discovering B. is discovering C. discovered D. has discovered

4. By this time next year, my father _____here for 25 years.

A. are going to work B. will be working

C. will have been working D. will work

5. He _____in London at the moment.

A. studies B. has studied C. is studying D. will study

6. She'll be a billionaire by the time she _____forty.

A. is going to be B. will be C. is D. was

7. I first met her two years ago when we____at Oxford University.

A. had been studying B. are studying C. were studying D. have been studied

8. He went back to work in his country after he _____his course on Advanced Engineering in London.

A. has finished B. was finishing C. finishes D. had finished

9. Robert _____in three important water polo games so far.

A. had played B. is playing C. has played D. played

10. Many people _____homeless after the earthquake in Haiti a few months ago.

A. become B. will become C. became D. are becoming

Exercise 6. Rewrite these sentences beginning with the words provided:

1. It's a long time since we last met.

→ We have ……

2. I haven't come here since 2005.

→ The last time ……

3. Joe started building the house three months ago.

→ Joe ……..

4. I last went to the cinema a long time ago.

→ I have ……

5. He didn't get married until he was thirty.

→ It was not ……..

→ Not until ……

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