

GRAMMAR TEST

- I. Put the verb in brackets into the **PRESENT SIMPLE** or **PRESENT CONTINUOUS** tense.

Dear Mum, I _____ (**JUST WRITE**) to tell you how much I _____ (**APPRECIATE**) the money you have sent me, and to tell you how I _____ (**GET**) on in my first term at university. In fact, I _____ (**REALLY ENJOY**) myself. I _____ (**STUDY**) quite hard as well, but at the moment I _____ (**SPEND**) a lot of time making new friends. I _____ (**STILL STAY**) with my friend Jill and I _____ (**LOOK**) for some place to live on my own. Only a small number of first year students _____ (**LIVE**) in college here and I _____ (**SEEM**) to be spending a lot of time travelling. I _____ (**ATTEND**) lectures every morning, and most afternoons I _____ (**STUDY**) in the library. In

fact, I _____ (WRITE)
this letter right now instead of an essay on Shakespeare. I
think I'll buy some new clothes with the money you've sent me.
Everything _____ (COST) a lot
here, and I _____ (SAVE)
to buy a coat for the winter months. It
_____ (GET) really cold here in the
evenings. I now _____
(KNOW) some other students and we
_____ (HAVE) quite a good
time. I _____ (ALSO
LEARN) to drive. University students _____
(GET) a refund if they take their tests here. I
_____ (LOOK) forward to
coming home next month.

See you soon.

Kate

II. Past Tense - *Simple or progressive*

1. It _____ (rain) when we _____ (come) out of the shopping centre.
2. It _____ (happen) very quickly. The car _____ (come) out of the side road and then the van _____ (drive) into the back of it.
3. I _____ (be) ill last week.
4. He _____ (break) his leg when he _____ (ski).
5. I _____ (look) out of the window and saw that people _____ (walk) in the park.
6. Emma _____ (pass) her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we _____ (see) the spaceship we _____ (stop) the car.
8. When _____ (you buy) the car? - I _____ (buy) it a few years ago.
9. He _____ (sit) in the garden when a wasp _____ (sting) him in the nose.

10. Claire _____ (go) to Egypt last month.

III. Fill in the correct form of the *Present Perfect tense*

1. The earth _____ here for billions of years (be).

2. We _____ cards for the last few hours (play).

3. We _____ problems with our new car recently (have)

4. _____ on anything interesting lately ?(you work)

5. Cuba _____ a socialist country since 1959 (be)

6. I _____ care of my neighbour's cats while they are away (take)

7. I _____ my car for three years (have).

8. _____ an important fight? (the boxer , ever, win)

9. John and Mary _____ with each other since the day they got married (quarrel).

10. It _____ hard since last night (rain).