

UNIT 8

I. Underline the correct form.

1. Our ferry **departs / is departing** for Amsterdam at 7 tomorrow morning.
2. What time **do you meet / are you meeting** Steve on Sunday?
3. After the reconstruction the supermarket **opens / is opening** on Monday again.
4. **Do you have / Are you having** your birthday party this week or next week? I forgot!
5. We **hold / are holding** a Science fair next weekend. There will be displays of students' work.
6. When **does the school end / is the school ending** this year?
7. Mark and I **play / are playing** basketball after school today. Do you want to play too?
8. Kate phoned up. She **comes round / is coming round** to see us this weekend.
9. The Prime Minister **arrives / is arriving** in India on Tuesday and spends / is spending a couple of days in Delhi.
10. I've just phoned the centre and the doors **open / are opening** at 18.00.

II. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (present simple, present continuous, or present perfect).

1. _____ (you/ talk) about the upcoming journey? Can I join?
2. Recently, the United States _____ (alter) the whole of their immigration laws.
3. Either kangaroo or Sydney Opera House _____ (symbolize) Australia.
4. Look at the London Eye! The wheel _____ (appear) motionless, but it _____ (rotate) slowly.
5. Look! The concert _____ (start) at 7 P.M. and _____ (end) at 9 P.M.
6. Canada _____ (provide) fish, furs, and other natural resources to the world since the 15th century.
7. We've already booked our holiday. We _____ (go) to Scotland in July.
8. About 375 million people _____ (speak) English as their first language.
9. To preserve natural habitat, the government _____ (establish) six national parks so far.
10. Excuse me, what time _____ (the last train to Dublin/ leave)?
11. I _____ (live) in the UK at the moment to learn English.
12. English _____ (be) an official language in several African countries, such as Liberia, Nigeria, and South Africa.
13. _____ (you/ ever/ be) to Singapore? - Yes, I _____ (be) there twice.
14. Where _____ (you/ go) on your holiday next summer?
15. Over 670 million people _____ (visit) Disneyland since its opening in 1955.

III. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (already/ apply) for a sports summer camp in the UK.
2. Minh usually _____ (watch) movies in English and it _____ (help) improve his English.
3. We _____ (visit) the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island if we go to New York.
4. Where _____ (you/ go) on your holiday next summer?
5. The Viking _____ (invade) Ireland in the 9th century.
6. English _____ (speak) as the primary language in many countries around the world.
7. If it _____ (not rain) today we'd take a trip to Edinburgh Castle.

8. The 12th English Teaching Conference _____ (**take place**) on 5-12 June.
9. Since the late 1980s, the economy of Ireland _____ (**grow**) rapidly.
10. Everyone _____ (**sleep**) when the earthquake _____ (**hit**) the small town two days ago.
11. Do you have difficulty _____ (**understand**) your Australian friends?
12. Let's _____ (**visit**) medieval castles. It's really interesting, I think.

IV. Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.

1. Our summer camp closes _____ July 15th.
2. Most foreign students in the camp come _____ English speaking countries.
3. I am really looking forward _____ our trip to London.
4. Around 13 million people speak English _____ their first language.
5. New Zealand is famous _____ the scenic beauty of its mountains and forests.
6. Australia is home _____ unique animals like the kangaroo and koala.
7. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated _____ the fourth Thursday of November.
8. The children are spending a week _____ a summer camp.
9. All our teachers are native speakers _____ English.
10. Chloe is French, so she speaks English _____ a French accent.

VIII. Choose the best answers.

1. English _____ from a Proto-Indo-European language about 5,000 years ago.
A. derives **B.** derived **C.** is deriving **D.** has derived
2. Since 2005, India _____ the world's largest English-speaking population.
A. has **B.** is having **C.** had **D.** has had
3. The United Kingdom _____ of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
A. consists **B.** is consisted **C.** has consisted **D.** consisted
4. English _____ around the world by children in school as a foreign language.
A. has learned **B.** is learning **C.** is learned **D.** learned
5. You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane _____ at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by 4.30!
A. will leave **B.** leaves **C.** leave **D.** is leaving
6. Over the past five years, Australia's population _____ by 1.86 million people.
A. increases **B.** is increasing **C.** has increased **D.** is increased
7. I'm sorry. I can't meet up this weekend. We _____ to Wales on Friday.
A. go **B.** are going **C.** will go **D.** has gone
8. In the 16th century, French and British settlers _____ in Canada.
A. arrive **B.** have arrived **C.** was arriving **D.** arrived
9. _____ that there are no wild snakes in Ireland?
A. Do you know **B.** Are you knowing **C.** Have you known **D.** Did you know
10. The Statue of Liberty, an American Symbol of freedom, _____ in France.
A. actually made **B.** was actually made **C.** has actually made **D.** makes actually