



Set 11
Grammar for
Creative
Writing
The Write Tribe

VERB TENSES



Present simple / Continuous Tense

Complete with **present simple** or **present continuous** tense.

1. The children (play) outside now.
are playing
play

2. She usually (read) the newspaper in the morning.
reads
is reading

3. I (do) my homework now.
do
am doing

4. (you / want) to come with me?
Are you wanting
Do you want

5. I (not / like) spaghetti.
am not liking
don't like

6. He (write) a letter to his pen-friend every month.
writes
is writing

7. The baby (sleep) now.
is sleeping
sleeps



8. My mother usually (cook) dinner in the evening.
cooks
is cooking

9. Mary (listen) to music now.
listens
is listening

10. We (go) to the disco tonight.
are going
go

11. (he / go) to work by bus everyday?
Is he going
Does he go

12. What time (you / get up) in the morning?
are you getting up
do you get up

13. How often (your brother / take) a shower?
does your brother take
is your brother taking

14. Where (you / work) at present?
do you work
are you working

15. Listen! somebody
is whistling
whistles



Perfect tenses

Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.

1. In the evenings, I often play chess with my next door neighbor. I ---- chess with him ever since I ---- to live here ten years ago.

- A) have been playing / came
- B) play / came
- C) have been playing / have come
- D) am playing / have come
- E) have played / have come

2. Ann ---- her driving test three times because she's so bad at reversing. But she ---- reversing since last week and i think she has got a bit better at it.

- A) has failed / has been practicing
- B) failed / practiced
- C) failed / was practicing
- D) fails / practices
- E) has failed / is practicing

3. I have been waiting for the prices of the houses to come down before buying one, but I think I ---- too long and the prices ---- to go up again.

- A) am waiting / are beginning
- B) wait / began
- C) am waiting / began
- D) have waited / are beginning
- E) waited / were beginning



4. Last year, I experienced how tedious long plane trips could be. I ---- In an airplane for fairly long distances before that, but never as long as when I went to Australia last June.

- A) have never flown
- B) didn't fly
- C) have flown
- D) had flown
- E) hadn't flown

5. This bicycle ---- In our family for fourteen years. My father used it for the first five years, my brother rode it for the next five and I ----it for the last four.

- A) is / have had
- B) had been / had
- C) has been / have had
- D) was / had had
- E) has been / had

6. It's a great pity you didn't come to London with us last summer, As you --- it before, it ---- a wonderful holiday for you.

- A) hadn't seen / would have been
- B) have never seen / will surely be
- C) didn't see / has been
- D) didn't see / had been
- E) haven't seen / was



7. Yesterday at a restaurant, I saw Sally, an old friend of mine. I had not seen her for years. At first, I ---- her because she ---- at least 20 kilos.

- A) didn't recognize / lost
- B) didn't recognize / will lose
- C) didn't recognize / had lost
- D) hadn't recognized / lost
- E) haven't recognized / had lost

8. Our committee is trying to raise money to buy a new lifeboat. By the end of the year, we ---- out 5.000 letters asking for contributions.

- A) were to send
- B) will send
- C) will be sending
- D) will have been sending
- E) will have sent

