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Grammar for
Creative
Writing
The Write Tribe

TENSES



Simple Verb Tenses 1

1. Early signs of the rebirth of civilization in Western Europe ---- to appear in the 11th century as trade ---- again in Italy.

were beginning / will start

began / started

would begin / starts

begin / was starting

began / would be starting

2. When a group ---- to a new country, its members ---- that they have to modify their way of life, including their celebrations of significant events.

will immigrate / find

immigrated / would find

are immigrating / will be found

immigrate / find

were immigrating / found

3. When he ---- that his nomination would mean competing with his closest friend he ---- to withdraw.

realizes / will be decided

realized / was deciding

will realize / decides

would realize / decided

realized / decided



4. Computers that once ---- up entire rooms ---- now small enough to put on desktops and into wristwatches.

took / are
were taking / would be
will take / will be
are taking / will be
would take / are

5. The immune system ---- by distinguishing between the body's own materials and things that ---- foreign to the body.

is working / were
works / would be
will be working / are
works / are
was working / will be

6. Despite the multiethnic nature of the Balkans it ---- that most inhabitants of the peninsula ' ---- common ancestors.

will seem / will share
seems / share
seemed / will share
seems / were sharing
would seem / will be sharing

7. The minute we ---- his gift we ---- him a note of thanks.

received / wrote
receive / would write
are receiving / wrote
will receive / would write
were receiving / wrote



8. Women and children ---- a right to live their lives free from all forms of violence and abuse, and society ---- a duty to recognize and defend this right.

will have / had

would have / has

have / has

will have / would have

have / had

9. As soon as there ---- even a temporary break in the weather the climbers ---- their attempt to reach the summit,

is / will renew

was / renew

will be / renewed

is / renewed

was / will renew

10. She said she ---- late at the office that evening and that she ---- home till about eleven.

is working / got

would work / isn't getting

was working / gets

would be working / wouldn't get

will be working / was getting



Simple Tenses 2

Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.

1. Grace keeps hoping the bird that she ---- in the pet store yesterday ---- her birthday present.

sees / will be

will see / was

saw / will be

sees / would be

was seen / would be

2. The author ---- quite annoyed when she ---- that the publisher was very dishonest.

will be / will determine

was / determines

would be / will determine

was / determined

is / is determining

3. He and his family ---- at our home in Canada when he ---- to a conference, and that was a great experience, too.

were staying / come

will stay / came

stayed / would come

are staying / will come

stayed / came



4. She ---- for her pen when she discovered that she ---- it in her handbag all the time.

was looking / had
is looking / has
looked / would have
was looking / will have
would look / would have

5. We ---- warm clothes on the field trip because it was cool outside but we ---- take any of the m out of the suitcase.

were taking / won't have to
took / didn't have to
will take / will have to
are taking / don't have to
took / will have to

6. She ---- very well but her sister cooked much better when i ---- her.

is cooking / know
was cooking / know
cooked / would know
cooks / knew
will cook / will know

7. For a long time people ---- that the world was fiat and that people could fall off the edge.

are thinking
may think
thought
are thought
will be thinking



8. The robber --- sure that no one ---- before he crept through the window.

was making / will look

made / is looking

makes / looks

will make / is looking

made / was looking

9. Many people in the energy industry ---- natural gas will play a bigger role in electricity production as the demand for electricity ---- in the future.

believe / increased

will believe / would increase

believed / would increase

believe / increases

would believe / increases

10. Because anxiety often ---- more than one cause and is experienced in highly individual ways, its treatment usually ---- more than one type of therapy.

had / will require

will have / was requiring

has / requires

had / will be requiring

has / had required

