

# CAE – Present and Past Tenses Revision

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the **present simple**, **present continuous**, **present perfect simple** and **present perfect continuous**.

1. I **am seeing** (see) a dentist about a filling I \_\_\_\_\_ (need).
2. Workers at the factory \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on strike since Tuesday.
3. They won't employ him as he \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any experience.
4. "What \_\_\_\_\_ (you do)?"  
"I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about my plans for Christmas."
5. "Why is the room stuffy?"  
"Because too many people \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) in here."
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that boy for six months even though her parents disapprove.
7. Hot air balloons \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the principle that heat \_\_\_\_\_ (rise).

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2. Put the verbs in brackets into an appropriate **past tense**.

1. He walked (walk) to the front of the stage, \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a bow and \_\_\_\_\_ (wave) to the audience.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / enjoy) the play so we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) early.
3. While the patients \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in the surgery, the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with a complicated case.
4. I'm starving – I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast over five hours ago.
5. In June 2016 they \_\_\_\_\_ (still / build) the shopping centre.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the water's edge, \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) in and \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) to the other side.
7. While the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (advance) they did not realise that the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a surprise attack.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) her apartment for an appointment when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go off).
9. By the time the police \_\_\_\_\_ (locate) the stolen car, the thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (already / escape) to France.
10. Her clothes were wet because she \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the rain.