

Simple Past vs Simple Present

Content: reading and listening, past and present

Part A (8 pts. each, 40 pts.)

Instructions: Read the given text. Then answer the following questions with complete sentences.



VERY GOOD FRIENDS: EAST AND WEST

Eric and Susan are very good friends. They grew up together; they went to high school together, and they went to college together. Now Eric lives in California, and Susan lives in New Jersey. Even though they live far apart, they're still very good friends.

They write to each other very often. He writes her letters about life on the West Coast, and she writes him letters about life on the East Coast. They never forget each other's birthday. Last year he sent* her some CDs, and she sent him a wallet. Eric and Susan help each other very often. Last year he lent* her money when she was in the hospital, and she gave him advice when he lost* his job.

Eric and Susan like each other very much. They were always very good friends, and they still are.

1. Where does Susan live?

2. How often do they write to each other?

3. What did Susan send Erick for his birthday last year?

4. What did Erick lend Susan for her hospitalization?

5. Are Eric and Susan still friends now?

Part B (7.5 pts. each, 60 pts.)

Instructions: Listen and choose the correct answer.

1. a. I like to play tennis.
b. I'm going to play tennis.
2. a. I went to the beach.
b. I go to the beach.
3. a. Yesterday morning.
b. Tomorrow afternoon.
4. a. I gave them a plant.
b. I'm going to give them a plant.
5. a. We went to the mall.
b. We're going to the mall.
6. a. They sent messages last week.
b. They send messages every week.
7. a. He gave her flowers.
b. She gave him flowers.
8. a. Last weekend.
b. Tomorrow morning.