

Mixed Tenses

1 Put the verbs in brackets into a suitable tense form.

1. What _____ you _____ (think) who _____ (leave) this parcel here?
2. He _____ (pull out) two chairs and _____ (invite) his friend to sit down.
3. The roses _____ (smell) lovely. Why _____ you _____ (pull) them out?
4. As we _____ (enter) the pub, Laura _____ (sit) in the corner and _____ (drink) a cup of coffee while some boys _____ (play) chess.
5. Jessica _____ (put) some pieces of wood on the fire while Robert _____ (snore) on the couch.
6. Why _____ you always _____ (contradict) me?
7. I _____ (start) my new work on Wednesday. I _____ (sign) the contract yesterday.
8. Water _____ (boil) at 100°C.
9. He _____ (raise) the corner of his lips and _____ (look) at me suspiciously. I _____ (not know) what to say, but obviously he _____ (not believe) a word.
10. I _____ (continually /lose) my glasses. I never _____ (put) them on the same place.

2. Put the verbs in brackets into a suitable tense form

1. We generally _____ (not serve) fish with rice but with potatoes.
2. She _____ (turn) the page of the book which _____ (lie) in front of her.
3. He _____ (take) a pipe from the desk and _____ (begin) to fill it.
4. This perfume _____ (smell) wonderfully. Where _____ you _____ (get) it? Somebody _____ (give) it to me for my birthday.
5. _____ they _____ (not speak) any German? No, they only _____ (speak) Spanish.
6. I _____ (sit down) on a chair from where I _____ (can) observe other people. They all _____ (look) at me as I _____ (be) a stranger.
7. What _____ (make) you so happy in your life?
8. The sauce _____ (taste) delicious. Who _____ (cook) it?
9. The noise the pizza deliverers _____ (make) downstairs, _____ (waken) me. I _____ (get up) to see what they _____ (want).
10. My hands always _____ (tremble) if I _____ (drink) too much coffee.

3. Active or passive? Put the verbs in brackets into the right tense form.

1. While my sister _____ (cure) in hospital, her husband _____ (go) to see her every day.
2. He _____ (give) a sack shortly after the strike.
3. _____ you _____ (plan) to get married? Yes, I _____ (get) married in December.
4. The plane _____ (hijack) while the passengers _____ (fly) to Dubai.
5. This castle _____ (restore) in 1987.
6. This man _____ (get) more and more attention. He _____ (look) very attractive, _____ you _____ (not think) so?
7. We hardly ever _____ (miss) our home town as no relatives _____ (live) there.
8. My motorbike _____ (service) now. It _____ (need) some new spare parts.
9. My teeth just _____ (fix) by my dentist. I _____ (have) to see him because one of my teeth _____ (ache).
10. Your letter _____ (address) to a wrong person so Steve _____ (not get) it.

4. Active or passive? Put the verbs in brackets into the right tense form.

1. Sit down quickly! The teacher _____ (come)!
2. A lot of books _____ (sell) at this book shop every month. They _____ (have) a good turnover.
3. _____ you _____ (not be) a scientist? Yes, I _____ (work) at an institute.
4. I _____ (just /look) at the skirts. I'm not going to buy anything.
5. _____ I _____ (keep) you away from your work at the moment?
6. Dogs _____ (smell) raw meat immediately.
7. They both _____ (live) in London, but Sandra _____ (not like) the city.
8. That topic never _____ (mention) in the meeting.
9. The shop _____ (rob) during the holiday.
10. Jessica _____ (stand) in the doorway as I _____ (leave). She _____ (cry) because she _____ (know) I wasn't going to come back.