

Review of Basic Tenses

Present Simple – Present Progressive – Past Simple - Past Progressive – Future Simple

A. Elizabeth Bradley's home in New Orleans was destroyed by hurricane Katrina.

Complete Elizabeth's letter with the Present Simple or Present Progressive form of the verbs in brackets.

Dear Nancy.

How are you? 1) _____ (miss) you so much. Right now we 2) _____ (stay) with my family in Biloxi, Texas. The house is very crowded. I 3) _____ (have) a room under the house that I must share with my sister. I 4) _____ (not like) sharing a room, but I have no choice.

I 5) _____ (hope) that I will be able to sleep in my own room very soon.

Right now I 6) _____ (study) at the Sam Houston Middle School. At first I was afraid to go to a new school, but everyone in the school 7) _____ (help) me. I 8) _____ (feel) very comfortable here. The students 9) _____ (give) me new clothes and books. I 10) _____ (not, need) anything else. Right now my father and mother 11) _____ (look) for new jobs. I 12) _____ (believe) they will find work very soon. At the moment we 13) _____ (not, know) when we are returning home.

The only thing that I know now is that my family 14) _____ (love) me. That is all that matters. Your best friend, Elizabeth.

B. Answer the following questions.

1) Where is Elizabeth staying?

2) What does Elizabeth think about sharing a bedroom?

3) List one way people are helping Elizabeth at school.

4) What are Elizabeth's parents doing?

5) Does Elizabeth know when she will return to New Orleans?

**C. Complete the passage with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive form of the verbs in brackets. Then put the different parts of the story in order.**

— a. Last night, as I 1) _____ (lie) in my bed and 2) _____ (try) to sleep, many thoughts 3) _____ (run) across my mind and 4) _____ (keep) me awake. I _____ (think) about the math test on Wednesday morning and the English test on Friday.

— b. I 6) _____ (tell) them to be quiet, but they 7) _____ (not, want) to listen. I 8) _____ (start) to cry. Then I _____ (hear) someone come into the room. I 9) _____ (be) very scared.

— c. I 10) _____ (open) my eyes and 11) _____ (see) my mother. She 12) _____ (sit) on the edge of my bed and 13) _____ (hold) my hand. Then I realized I had been dreaming.

— d. Then, just as I 14) _____ (fall asleep) I 15) _____ (hear) loud noises outside. I 16) _____ (go) to the window and 17) _____ (see) a crowd of people standing on the sidewalk. They 18) _____ (speak) in loud voices and 19) _____ (shake) their fingers at me. They 20) _____ (seem) very angry. They 21) _____ (tell) me to study harder and to stop worrying so much.

D. Answer the questions

1) Why couldn't the writer sleep yesterday? _____

2) Were people really angry at him? _____

3) Who was trying to make him feel better? _____

E. Complete the passage with the right form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I sometimes (1) _____ (wonder) what my children (2) _____ (do) when they grow up. But since I (3) _____ (believe) they (4) _____ (not , ask) for my advice when they are older, there (5) _____ (not ,be) much to wonder about, (6) _____ (be) there?

2. My daughter (7) _____ (not, take) an umbrella to school today, and now it (8) _____ (rain). I (9) _____ (pick) her up from school when she finishes studying today.

3. Most of the children 10) _____ (like) Jewish holidays a lot. First of all, they 11) _____ (not, go) to school. Secondly, they usually 12) _____ (get) presents from their uncles and aunts.

4. While mother 13) _____ (shop) for some groceries yesterday morning she suddenly



14) _____ (feel) unwell. She 15) _____ (faint) in the store. Someone 16) _____ (take) her to hospital. A few hours later, however, she 17) _____ (feel) well again so we 18) _____ (take) her home.

5. The teacher 19) _____ (look) at her pupils now and 20) _____ (think) what 21) _____ (become) of them in the future. Some 22) _____ (be) successful, and some 22) _____ (probably / become) very famous.

F. Complete the following passage with the correct form of the verbs in

As I 1) _____ (jog) down the street last night, a young man 2) _____ (begin) to run behind me. At first, I 3) _____ (not , pay) much attention to him. I 4) _____ (be) sure he 5) _____ (be) just another jogger like myself. Then I 6) _____ (realize) that he 7) _____ (follow) me. When I 8) _____ (run) quickly, he 9) _____ (run) quickly and when I 10) _____ (run) slowly, he 11) _____ (slow) down, too.

Suddenly I 12) _____ (be) very scared. " 13) _____ (he , have) a gun?" I 14) _____ (ask) myself. " 15) _____ (he , attack) me? Maybe he 16) _____ (try) to steal the gold necklace I 17) _____ (wear)." I once 18) _____ (read) about a person who 19) _____ (kill) for his gold necklace. " Maybe I 20) _____ (be) killed too," I thought. I 21) _____ (not , know) what to do. I began to shiver all over. I 22) _____ (want) to scream. I 23) _____ (need) to get help immediately. I 24) _____ (avoid) running my usual route. Instead, I 25) _____ (jog) along the main streets of town. Suddenly the thief 26) _____ (pass) me. When he 27) _____ (be) in front of me, he 29) _____ (stop) running. I 30) _____ (not , can) move at all. The two of us 31) _____ (stand) face to face. He 32) _____ (point) a gun at my head. Without saying a word I 33) _____ (take) off my necklace and 34) _____ (hand) it to him.

Just at that moment, a policeman 35) _____ (come) along. "Thank you for helping us catch a dangerous criminal," he said. He 36) _____ (arrest) the thief. The thief 37) _____ (take) to prison and I 38) _____ (give) an award for helping the police. I 39) _____ (be) very lucky, aren't I?



G. Yuval is speaking to Tal on the phone. Complete the dialogue.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: Right now I am listening to music.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: I am listening to my new CD.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: Yes, I am going to the party tomorrow night, but I will be late.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: I will be late, because I am having dinner with my family tomorrow night.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: Yes, I have dinner with my family every Thursday night.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: No, Benny won't be at the party. He will be in Jerusalem on Thursday night.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: I am wearing the jeans that I got for my birthday.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: My cousin from London sent them to me.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: He bought them in London.

Yuval: _____?

Tal: Yes, I am bringing some soda and popcorn. And you?

Yuval: I am bringing some music.

