



# Use of English

## Tense Forms



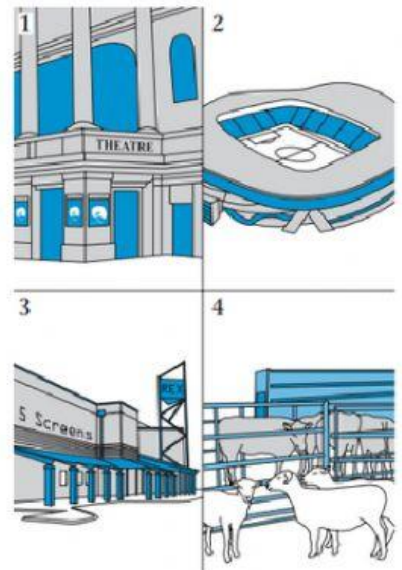
### • Present Tenses



#### Context Listening

1) You're going to hear a tour guide talking to some tourists in a coach. She's telling them about places they can see in a city. Complete the sentences below.

1. Our tours ..... about one hour.
2. The bus ..... into Queens Road.
3. We ..... the City Theatre.
4. This Cititour bus ..... along High Street into the market place.
5. At the moment some musicians ..... for an outdoor concert there.



2) Look at your answers to ex. 1 and answer these questions.

1. Which sentences contain the present simple? .....
2. Which sentences contain the present continuous? .....
3. Which sentences tell you about what usually happens? .....
4. Which sentences tell you only about now? .....



#### Practice



1) Choose the correct words in *italics*.

1. Fátima's a really good friend. She never *forgets/ is forgetting* my birthday.
2. Selina *doesn't work/ isn't working* in her office at the moment because the builders are there.
3. Mm,... Those roses *smell/ are smelling* lovely. Are they from your garden?
4. I can't believe how difficult my new course is. I *find/ I'm finding* it really hard to keep up with all the reading at the moment.
5. These are difficult times because food and fuel prices *go up/ are going up* quickly.
6. *Do you believe/ Are you believing* anything that child says?
7. Harry isn't at work because he *feels/ he's feeling* unwell.
8. In the film "Australia" two young people *meet/ are meeting* and become friends during World War II.
9. Some of the students *don't understand/ aren't understanding* basic mathematical ideas.


2) Jeanette usually teaches English in London in the summer. This year, she is giving English lessons to two children in Greece. Complete each sentence with a suitable form of the verbs in brackets.

- Jeanette usually ..... all day in the summer but today she ..... at 12.30.  
(work, stop)
- She usually ..... with friends, but now she ..... a house just for herself. (live, have)
- She usually ..... trousers to work, but today ..... a summer dress (wear, wear)
- She usually ..... TV at the weekend, but this summer ..... the sights in Athens. (watch, visit)
- Most summers she ..... very much, but this summer ..... more money. (not earn, get)
- Most summers she ..... tired and overworked, but this summer ..... really happy. (feel, feel)

3) Read the extract from a newspaper article and a letter. Look at the highlighted grammar examples.

**NEW CAR SUPERMARKET IN DINGLEY**

Lester's Car Supermarket **has just opened** a new supermarket at Dingley Corner. Lester's **has been selling** cars in Longton since 1998, but with sales of over fifty cars per week the company urgently needed a new and larger showroom.



Lester's **car** supermarket

Dear Customer,

Three years ago you **bought** a car from us. **Have you thought** about replacing it **yet**? **Have you been looking** for a car supplier that offers a huge range and incredible value? Well, look no further. We've **been searching** the country for the best buys and we already have over 500 used cars – all at amazing prices! We've **reduced** the prices on **more than fifty different models** this month – these really are **the lowest prices we've ever offered**.

And to celebrate the opening of our new car supermarket we are offering a 10% discount to all our customers.

4) Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in *italics*. The highlighted grammar examples will help you.

- Has he *buying/ bought* a car from a supermarket before?
- Have you looked *yet on the Internet/ on the Internet yet*?
- yes, we've *yet/ just* looked at their website.
- This is the best car *I owned/ I've ever owned*.
- My parents have had the same car *since 2003/ eight years*.
- I've *gone/ I went* to look at some used cars two weeks ago.
- We've been *looked/ looking* for a new car since January.
- Have you *searching/ you been searching* for a sports car?
- Jack can't decide which new car to buy. He's been *looking/ looked* at more than twenty different ones this month.
- I'm very tired. I've been *driving/ driven* all morning.