

➤ Present and Past Tenses

1 Complete each pair of sentences (a and b) with the correct form of the verb in bold. Use the correct simple form in one sentence and the correct continuous form in the other sentence.

speak

- 1 a** What language _____ those girls _____? Is it Portuguese?
b How many languages _____ Katia _____?

work

- 2 a** Sorry, I didn't get your message. My phone _____ at the moment.
b My mum _____ in a hospital – she's a lawyer.

cut

- 3 a** I _____ vegetables, when I hurt myself with the knife.
b Jenny _____ her hand while making dinner.

swim

- 4 a** Look! Dolphins _____ right next to our boat!
b Even though I _____ really well in the competition, I didn't win.

think

- 5 a** I _____ he would come, but surprisingly, he showed up.
b You look worried. What _____ you _____ about?

rain

- 6 a** It never _____ in the summer.
b Wear a coat and hat because it _____ heavily!

WRITE THE CORRECT FORMS OF IRREGULAR VERBS:

- a) Rise –
- b) Hang –
- c) Bleed –
- d) Burst –
- e) Blow –
- f) Write –
- g) Flee –
- h) Let –
- i) Light –
- j) Mean –

NOW, TRANSLATE THEM BELOW (only the infinitive form):

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)
- h)
- i)
- j)

3 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning. Use the Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1 The storm began during our drive home. (driving)

While

2 What's your opinion? (think)

What

3 This isn't my phone. (belong)

It

4 When was your competition? (compete)

When

5 I have no idea who you are. (know)

I

6 What are your plans tonight? (doing)

What

6 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Simple, Present Perfect Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.



A Mistake Makes Money

1 you

(ever / sing) in public? I don't mean on a stage or in a concert, but actually in the street. I'm part of a group and we ² (give) street performances for about a year now. It's all for charity.

Two weeks ago, we went to the main square in town to sing. It ³ (always / be) a popular area for tourists, so it's a good place to raise money.

Unfortunately, I wasn't prepared that day, because I
4 _____ (miss) our last rehearsal.

Roberta, the leader of our group,
5 _____ (choose) a new song, but she
forgot to tell me about it.

That was a major problem, because we sing
a cappella. 6 _____ (you / hear) of it?
It's when you sing without music. If one singer makes a
mistake, everyone notices and I made a lot of mistakes,
like singing the wrong words.

The funny thing was that people thought we were
a comedy group. When we looked in our donation
box at the end of the concert, we saw that they
7 _____ (give) us a lot more
money than usual!

