

TENSES ASSESSMENT- ADJUSTMENT PERIOD

Simple and continuous tenses exercise. Choose the best option

Activity 1

1) How long have you _____ English?

- a) learned b) been learning

2) What job _____ before you started your current one?

- a) did you do b) were you doing

3) _____ I could borrow your notes for a minute?

- a) Are you thinking b) Do you think

4) Have you _____ here all your life?

- a) been living b) lived

5) _____ anything interesting at work this week?

- a) Do you do b) Are you doing

6) I _____ with my parents until I get a flat of my own.

- a) am living b) live

7) _____ of taking any other courses?

- a) Do you think b) Are you thinking

8) I _____ if you could give me \$2 for the bus fare. I've lost my wallet.

- a) was wondering b) had wondered

9) My neighbours _____ music late at night. It drives me crazy.

- a) are always playing b) always play

10) _____ yourself to be lucky in any way?

- a) Are you considering b) Do you consider

Activity 2

1) When I got to the party

- a) everybody drank and danced.
- b) everybody was drinking and dancing.
- c) everybody had drinking and dancing.
- d) everybody had been drunk and danced.

2) I was sunburned because

- I have been sunbathing all day.
- I have sunbathed all day.
- I sunbathed all day.
- I had been sunbathing all day.

3) The film

- a) had already started by the time I got to the cinema.
- b) had already been starting by the time I got to the cinema.
- c) had already started by the time I was getting to the cinema.
- d) was already starting by the time I had got to the cinema.

4) As soon as she closed the door

- a) she realized she was leaving the keys inside.
- b) she was realizing she was leaving the keys inside.
- c) she was realizing she had left the keys inside.
- d) she realized she had left the keys inside.

5) Before he won the lottery

- a) he had never been thinking he would be rich.
- b) he had never thought he would be rich.
- c) he was never thinking he would be rich.
- d) he wasn't thinking he would be rich.

6) When the rescuers found them

- a) they had been waiting for 8 hours and had eaten all their food.
- b) they waited for 8 hours and had eaten all their food.
- c) they had waited for 8 hours and had been eating all their food.
- d) they were waiting for 8 hours and ate all their food.

7) Don't call at nine as

- a) we'll have dinner then.
- b) we'll be having dinner then.
- c) we'll have had dinner then.
- d) we'll have been having dinner then.

8) Watch out!

- a) Wayne's spilled his custard on the floor and Sally has already trodden in it.
- b) Wayne's been spilling his custard on the floor and Sally has already trodden in it.
- c) Wayne's spilled his custard on the floor and Sally has already been treading in it.
- d) Wayne spilled his custard on the floor and Sally trod in it.

9) Your face is red

- a) and you forgot your briefcase. You've drunk again!
- b) and you've been forgetting your briefcase. You've been drinking again!
- c) and you've been forgetting your briefcase. You've drunk again!
- d) and you've forgotten your briefcase. You've been drinking again!

10) Which is correct?

- a) I was working here for three years but I've only seen the boss once.
- b) I've been working here for three years but I've only seen the boss once.
- c) I've been working here for three years but I've only been seeing the boss once.
- d) I've worked here for three years but I've only been seeing the boss once.