



# TENSES

(PRESENT SIMPLE – PRESENT CONTINUOUS – PRESENT PERFECT – PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS – PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS – PAST PERFECT – PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS)

## Exercise 1: Match the words with the meanings.

cross out	tell somebody important information
point out	write information on a piece of paper
rip up	tear into pieces
write down	draw a line through something written
look up	remove with a rubber
rub out	turn something so the other side is towards you
turn over	try to find information in a book, etc

## Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer.

- Everyone uses their \_\_\_\_\_ when they think.  
A. thinking      B. hand      C. brain      D. stomach
- I need someone to \_\_\_\_\_ me on how to use the computer.  
A. instruction      B. instruct      C. instructor      D. instructing
- Tommy is really \_\_\_\_\_. He always knows the answer!  
A. clever      B. mental      C. succeed      D. entertaining
- He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the story for the younger audience.  
A. simple      B. simply      C. simplicity      D. simplify
- What's your favourite \_\_\_\_\_ at school?  
A. actor      B. subject      C. education      D. guess
- Loss of \_\_\_\_\_ is a natural part of old age.

- A. experience                      B. education                      C. memory                      D. degree
7. I think we should \_\_\_\_\_ the costs equally among us.
- A. divided                      B. division                      C. divide                      D. dividing
8. Being able to use a computer is a very useful \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. master                      B. skill                      C. qualification                      D. course
9. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ me to take this book back to the library?
- A. remind                      B. guess                      C. revise                      D. wonder
10. Natalie always gets nervous before she \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. takes an exam                      B. take an exam                      C. took an exam                      D. has taken an exam

**Exercise 3: Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or past simple.**

**My cat "SNOW"**

This \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (be) my cat, Snow. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a small white cat with a bushy tail. Every day, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him for a walk in the park. He \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) everywhere and \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with his ball on the grass. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (return) home, he \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) his food and then he \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the carpet. At night, he \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) on a rug near my bed. A year ago, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him for a walk and I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) him. I couldn't find him anywhere. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home and \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) my parents. They \_\_\_\_\_ (search) for him in the park and then they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the police station. A few days later, a policeman \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to our house. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ (be) with him. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so happy to see him again!

**Exercise 4: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

1. Sue and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) shopping yesterday.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch while my mum \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/finish) your homework yet?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (never/travel) abroad.
5. Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a documentary on TV at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.
6. Diane \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a computer two months ago.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) my room when the lights suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off.

8. Gary \_\_\_\_\_ (already/cook) dinner.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (she/walk) to school yesterday?
10. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (just/come) home from work.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/ drive) a Ferrari?
12. The children were wet because they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the rain.
13. I always \_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast in the morning.
14. Julie wanted to sit down as she \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) at work all day long.
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) much weight by the end of the year.
16. The Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (move) around the Earth.
17. We \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the fence for over an hour, so we were really tired!
18. \_\_\_\_\_ (the boys/play) board games since this morning?
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English for almost two hours. Can we have a break now?
20. Greg \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower when someone \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door.