

8.3 Grammar

Revision of tenses

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1 Present Simple or Present Continuous? Circle the correct words.



Pops and Gran usually get up / *are getting up* early in the morning, but today is different.
It's nine o'clock and Pops ²*still sleeps* / *is still sleeping*.
He's tired after his party!

Gran is downstairs at the moment and she ³*makes* / *'s making* breakfast: orange juice, eggs, sausages and tea. She ⁴*makes* / *'s making* breakfast every morning. She sometimes ⁵*fries* / *is frying* the eggs, but today she ⁶*boils* / *'s boiling* them.

Eva and Mac are also in the kitchen. They ⁷*wait* / *'re waiting* for Pops to wake up because they want to have breakfast. They're hungry!

2 Complete Mac's homework with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Last year, Pops, Eva and I went (go) to Africa to look for an ancient magic drum. When we ²_____ (arrive) at the airport it was early in the morning and the sun ³_____ (shine).

While we ⁴_____ (travel) across the country, we ⁵_____ (see) lots of wild animals. Fantastic! At midday we ⁶_____ (stop) near a lake to have lunch. Eva and I ⁷_____ (stand) near the water when Pops ⁸_____ (shout): 'Look out! There's a crocodile! Run back to the jeep – fast!'



3 Complete the text with the Past Simple or Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

It's early morning. Pops ¹*has just finished* (finish) reading a book about an ancient underwater city. The book was a birthday present.

He ²_____ (start) reading the book after dinner last night. It was very exciting and he ³_____ (not sleep) at all.

He ⁴_____ (read) all night.

He ⁵_____ (already / plan) his next adventure: he wants to find the city!

He ⁶_____ (not tell) Mac and Eva about his plans yet. The children

⁷_____ (be) explorers for a long time and they ⁸_____ (have) many exciting adventures. Pops is sure they will come with him again.

4 Complete the dialogue about plans with the Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Pops: What ¹*are you doing* (you / do) on Monday afternoon?

Gran: I ²_____ (meet) some friends in town. We ³_____ (go) shopping. What about you?

Pops: I ⁴_____ (play) chess with Monty. Then in the evening we ⁵_____ (have) dinner at the Explorers' Club. The members ⁶_____ (celebrate) the club's 100th birthday!

Gran: ⁷_____ (Mac and Eva / go) too?

Pops: Yes, they are. Why don't you come with us?

Gran: Good idea!

5 Complete the sentences with *will* (prediction) or *be going to* (plan) and the verbs in brackets.

1 Mac and Eva *are going to go* (go) to the same university. (plan)

2 I'm sure they _____ (be) the most famous explorers in the world one day. (prediction)

3 Eva _____ (study) archaeology at university. (plan)

4 Mac _____ (not study) archaeology. (plan)

5 He _____ (be) a mountain climber. (plan)

6 I'm sure Pops _____ (not retire) for a long time. (prediction)

7 I don't think Gran _____ (go) with Pops on his next adventure. (prediction)