

Diagnostic Test

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Instructions: Complete the following exercises and answer the questions using the correct verbs or modal verbs accordingly.

THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

A PRACTICE Choose the correct verb or verb phrase.

- 1 We (take / are taking) a trip to California this weekend.
- 2 The flight (arrives / is arriving) now. That's great because the flights in this airport usually (arrive / are arriving) late.
- 3 Please drive slower! You (go / are going) too fast!
- 4 (Does it rain / Is it raining) often in March?
- 5 Brandon (goes / is going) skiing on his next vacation.
- 6 We (like / are liking) milk in both coffee and tea.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete each statement with the simple present tense or the present continuous.

- 1 In my family, we usually
- 2 Next weekend, I

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE: STATEMENTS

A PRACTICE Complete the paragraph with the simple past tense.

Chris (1 go) to New York at the end of the school year. His flight (2 get in) late, so he (3 take) a taxi directly to his hotel and (4 eat) something fast at the hotel café. Chris (5 have) tickets to a Broadway show, and he (6 not have) time to eat at a regular restaurant. Just before the show, he (7 meet) his friends in front of the theater. He really (8 love) the show. After the show, he (9 buy) a book about it. His friends (10 say) good night, and Chris (11 walk) back to the hotel, (12 drink) a big glass of cold juice, (13 go) to bed, and (14 sleep) for 10 hours.

SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

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A PRACTICE Write statements with the superlative form of each adjective.

- 1 old *The oldest person in the world is 124 years old.*
- 2 good
- 3 funny
- 4 appropriate
- 5 unusual
- 6 large
- 7 beautiful
- 8 short
- 9 interesting
- 10 crazy

B USE THE GRAMMAR Write one statement about yourself, using a superlative adjective.

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THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE: INFORMATION QUESTIONS

A PRACTICE Complete each conversation with an information question in the simple past tense.

- 1 A: Chinese?
B: I studied in Shanghai.
- 2 A: your husband?
B: I met him two years ago.
- 3 A: about the problem?
B: I called my daughter. She always knows what to do.
- 4 A: your car?
B: My brother-in-law bought it. He needed a new car.
- 5 A: in Mexico?
B: My parents lived there for more than ten years.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Write two information questions in the simple past tense, one with How and one with What.

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