

Your name: _____

QUICK CHECK – VERB TENSES

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the present simple, the present continuous, the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. (40 pts)

1. _____ learning English? (you/ like)
2. _____ this programme. (I/ not understand)
3. My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
4. Jim and his father _____ (not watch) TV. They're asleep.
5. Tony is upstairs in the bathroom. He _____ (wash) his hair.
6. My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Lucy, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
7. Why _____ (we/ run)? Are we late?
8. There are some strange noises in the sitting room. What _____ (Tom/ do)?
9. What time _____ (John/ get up) every day?
10. When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
11. I _____ (leave) home at 7:00 o'clock every morning.
12. Fred and I are good dancers but we _____ (not/ go) to discos very often.
13. When _____ the lesson _____ (start)? - It _____ (begin) five minutes ago."
14. What _____ (Pam/ do)? - Pam? Oh, she's a doctor.
15. I _____ (always/ stay) in the same hotel in New York.
16. Joanna _____ (not/ cook) the dinner at the moment.
17. Yesterday, Jane _____ (not feel) well so she _____ (call) the doctor.
18. Tony _____ (work) at the moment. He's on holiday.
19. Why _____ (you/ smile)? - Because I'm happy.
20. We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ (say) - Turn the volume down!
21. What _____ (you/ read)? - A letter from my sister.
22. What time _____ (you/ get up)? - Me? About 7.00 usually.
23. _____ the dogs _____ (bark) at midnight last night?
24. My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam yesterday.
25. How _____ (you/ go) to work? - I usually catch a bus.

26. Excuse me. I think that you _____ (sit) in my seat.
27. I _____ (switch off) the computer yesterday because it _____ (make) a strange noise at that moment.
28. Don't talk to me now. I _____ (write) an important letter.
29. When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ (he/ wear) a black jacket?
30. I _____ (stop) playing football because I _____ (break) my leg.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct options. (25 pts)

1. I **listened** / **was listening** to the radio when I **heard** / **was hearing** this fantastic song.
2. Helen **is wearing** / **wears** blue jeans and a T-shirt today.
3. When the teacher **said** / **was saying** "Stop!", I **still tried** / **was still trying** to finish the last question.
4. I feel really silly! While I **danced** / **was dancing**, I **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** my elbow.
5. We **are going** / **go** to the beach next summer.
6. Tom and I **watch** / **are watching** a good film at the moment.
7. Tim **played** / **was playing** a computer game when his mum **called** / **was calling** him for lunch.
8. I **looked** / **was looking** for a file on my memory stick when I **noticed** / **was noticing** there was a virus.
9. It **starts** / **is starting** to rain, and we **are waiting** / **wait** for the bus in the open air.
10. Ron **found** / **was finding** a really interesting website about dance music while he **surfing** / **was surfing** the internet.
11. My mum **had** / **was having** breakfast near the computer when she **spilled** / **was spilling** her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
12. The football match **finishes** / **is finishing** and the players **are celebrating** / **celebrate** their victory.
13. How many pictures **did you take** / **were you taking** while you **travelled** / **were travelling** around Ireland?
14. Why **did you chat** / **were you chatting** to Mike while I **tried** / **was trying** to tell you something really important?