

# TENSE REVIEW 1



## 1 Present simple vs. present continuous

Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (often/play) tennis on Sundays.
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) right now?
3. Be quiet! I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to watch the match.
4. Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) at 7am every day.
5. Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (not/usually/use) public transport, but today she \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the bus.
6. Ben \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the city, but this week he \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in the countryside with his uncle.
7. Kyle is a chef — he \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) exotic meals for a well-known restaurant. Right now, he \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) a Thai soup.
8. Omeir \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) on Sundays. He \_\_\_\_\_ (play) golf instead.

## 2 States vs. actions

**Cross out the wrong answers to complete the following sentences.**

1. I think/~~'m thinking~~ the film was really good.
2. Joanne is/~~is being~~ very unhelpful at the moment. She isn't usually like this.
3. How do you like/~~are you liking~~ our new home?
4. I don't see/~~'m not seeing~~ how we can win this game. We're just not good enough.
5. Greg sees/~~is seeing~~ a new girl. Have you met her?
6. You look distracted. What do you think/~~are you thinking~~ about?
7. Pedro and Tina are/~~are being~~ very creative people.
8. Jeremy doesn't realise/~~isn't realising~~ that we are already very late.

### 3 Past simple vs. past continuous

Look at the pictures below and make sentences with the past simple/continuous like in the example.



care  
ring

crash  
run

drive  
start

fall asleep  
walk

fly  
study

receive  
work

1. They were walking along the street when it started to rain.
2. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ while she \_\_\_\_\_ for her child.
3. While she \_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_\_ a phone call.
4. While he \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ into a tree.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ while he \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A bird \_\_\_\_\_ over her head while she \_\_\_\_\_ along the beach.

### 4 Changes from past to present

The sentences below describe changes from 20 years ago to today. Complete them with the verbs in the present perfect (positive or negative form).

1. The world \_\_\_\_\_ (*become*) safer.
2. Global temperatures \_\_\_\_\_ (*rise*).
3. Technology \_\_\_\_\_ (*make*) our lives better.
4. The gap between rich and poor people \_\_\_\_\_ (*grow*).
5. Music \_\_\_\_\_ (*improve*).
6. The air \_\_\_\_\_ (*become*) much cleaner.
7. The number of people who own a computer \_\_\_\_\_ (*decrease*).
8. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ (*stop*) writing letters.

## 5 Present perfect v. Past simple

**Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her husband in 2005.
2. The restaurant we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to yesterday evening was fantastic.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not/snow) so far this winter.
4. The team's performance \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) a lot since the beginning of the year.
5. Bill \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) a day off last week.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) sushi about a year ago, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) what it tastes like.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never/go) to Japan, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to China last year on a business trip.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) a sandwich for you earlier. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/eat) it yet?
9. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (write) her first book 12 years ago. Since then, she \_\_\_\_\_ (write) five novels.

## 6 Present perfect simple vs. continuous

**Cross out the wrong answers to complete the following sentences.**

1. Tariq has visited/has been visiting Japan five times.
2. Joanne looks very tired. Has she worked/Has she been working late again?
3. Xavier hasn't eaten/hasn't been eating all day. He must be hungry.
4. They speak French very well. They 've lived/'ve been living in France for almost ten years.
5. Mr Sanders is a journalist. He has interviewed/has been interviewing a lot of interesting people.
6. You smell of cigarettes. Have you smoked/Have you been smoking ?
7. I haven't watched/haven't been watching any interesting TV shows this year.
8. Have you seen/Have you been seeing Floyd recently? He looks completely different.