

PART 1: THE PRESENT TENSES

Task 1: Simple present VERSUS Present be + -ing

- Can you wait about five minutes? I (dry) _____ my hair.
- I don't think she'll ever stop smoking. She (give up) _____ at least three times every month!
- Don't worry! There's no need to correct yourself every time you (make) _____ a mistake.
- In England, landlords (decorate) _____ flats before new people (move in) _____.
- She says she went on a diet, but she (weigh) _____ exactly the same right now.

Task 2: Simple present VERSUS Present be + -ing

I (think) _____ of moving house, because at the moment my neighbours (drive) _____ me crazy! I (live) _____ in a small flat, and noise (come) _____ through the walls very easily. They (not seem) _____ to realise that I (go) _____ to bed early and they (have) _____ parties nearly every night, and (make) _____ a lot of noise. It's after midnight now, and I (try) _____ to go to sleep, but it's impossible. People (dance) _____ and (shout) _____ next door, and the floor (shake) _____. When I (complain) _____ to the people next door they (tell) _____ me that I (not understand) _____. "We (only have) _____ fun", they _____ (say), "you _____ (complain) about nothing". They (not want) _____ to understand me. That's why I (look for) _____ a new place to live.

PART 2: THE PAST TENSES

Task 3: Preterit or past be + -ing

- "What _____ (you do) when I phoned you?" "I _____ (sleep) sound".
- " _____ (you appreciate) your last holiday?" "Yes, thank you. We _____ (have) a great time".
- She _____ (say) goodbye, and then she _____ (leave) the house immediately.
- It was really cold at midnight. It _____ (be) dark and it _____ (snow).
- When she _____ (arrive), I _____ (cook) dinner.
- 'Why _____ (you leave) the party so early last Saturday?'. 'When I _____ (arrive) at the party, my boyfriend _____ (dance)

with another girl. I _____ (slap) him and _____ (cry) for hours. It was a total letdown!'.

- Alex _____ (not call) Eva last night.
- I _____ (chat) to Maria online when you _____ (call) me.
- Samir and Lucy _____ (meet) at a disco in 2020, just before the lockdown but her parents _____ (not like) him and _____ (ask) her to let him down.

Task 4: Preterit or present perfect

- Where _____ (you be) all day?
- "Look at Sara! _____ (she buy) a new dress?" "Yes, she _____ (get) it in the sales yesterday"
- "_____ (you do) your homework after school yesterday?" "I _____ (do) some of it and then I _____ (finish) it this morning"
- "_____ (Hassan visit) his mum recently?" "Yes, he _____ (see) her last week".
- "_____ (you see) the latest White Stripes video yet?" "No, but I _____ (hear) their new single on the radio yesterday"

Task 5: Preterit or present perfect

In 1983 Tom (start) _____ to work as a doctor in Bristol Hospital, but in the following year he (have) _____ a serious car accident and finally (have to) _____ give up working as a doctor in 1985. Although he (move) _____ to London for two years, he (live) _____ in Leads since 1988. When he (go) _____ to London in 1986 he (start) _____ writing and (write) _____ books and articles ever since then. His first novel was published in 1989. Since then he (travel) _____ in South America, and recently his second novel (win) _____ the booker price.

Task 6: all tenses... ☺

A lot of things (change) _____ in my life since I (take) _____ a job as baby-sitter a few months ago. Now, I (spend) _____ every evening looking after children, so I (not go out) _____ with my friends for weeks. I (find) _____ the job rather difficult at the beginning, but now I (grow) _____ used to it. My first day (be) _____ awful. The children (scream) _____ all the time, and I nearly (decide) _____ to give up. But since then, I (have) _____ more success. I (usually play) _____ with the children, but I (also learn) _____ a lot of stories recently, so I can tell them to the children. I (earn) _____ quite a lot of money in the past few weeks too, and so I (feel) _____ quite delighted. My friends _____ ARE LAUGHING/LAUGH at me, though, and (say) _____. I (choose) _____ the wrong job. I (tell) _____ them that times (change) _____, and that men and women (become) _____. equal. Why can't a man be a baby-sitter?