

USEFUL PRACTICE

PRESENT SIMPLE + PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

The train always _____ (1: leave) on time.

"What's the matter? Why _____ (2: cry/you)?"

That's strange. They _____ (3: not to watch) TV.

He _____ (4: not to speak) very good English.

Please be quiet! I _____ (5: do) my homework.

Where _____ (6: live/they)?

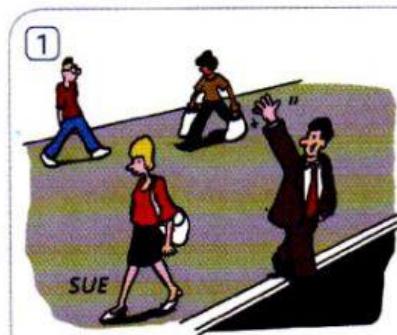
Listen! John _____ music! (7: play)

I never _____ (8: go) to the swimming pool.

Harold Black's a famous pianist. He _____ (9: give) two or three concerts every week. He _____ (10: travel) a lot and this week he's in New York. He _____ (11: stay) at an expensive hotel. He's at his hotel now. He _____ (12: have) his breakfast in the dining-room. He _____ (13: drink) a cup of coffee and he _____ (14: read) a newspaper. Harold's always very busy. He _____ (15: play) the piano regularly. He _____ (16: practise) for four hours every day. He _____ (17: go) to bed late and he always _____ (18: get up) early. But he sometimes _____ (19: get) dressed too quickly, and this morning he _____ (20: wear) one blue sock and one red one!

PAST SIMPLE + PAST CONTINUOUS

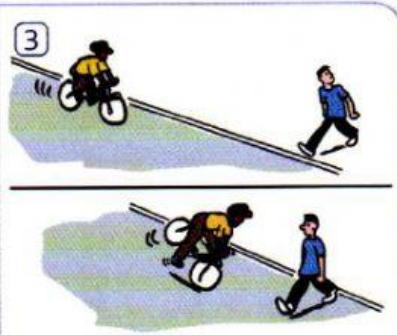
Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she not / see me. She look the other way.



I met Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They go to Paris and I go to Rome. We have a chat while we wait for our flights.



I cycled home yesterday when a man step out into the road in front of me. I go quite fast, but luckily I manage to stop in time and not / hit him.

Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- 1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 2 'What you / do at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- 3 ' you / go out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- 4 How fast happen? (you / drive) when the accident happen?
- 5 Sam take a picture of me while I not / look.
- 6 We were in a very difficult position. We not / know what to do.
- 7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last try to find a job.
- 8 I walk along the street when suddenly I hear footsteps behind me. Somebody start to run. (follow) me. I was scared and I want to be a pilot.
- 9 When I was young, I drop a plate when I do the washing-up. Fortunately it not / break.

PRESENT PERFECT

Read the situations and write sentences. Use the following verbs in the present perfect:

arrive break fall go up grow improve lose

- 1 Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it.
- 2 Lisa can't walk and her leg is in plaster.
- 3 Last week the bus fare was £1.80. Now it is £2.
- 4 Maria's English wasn't very good. Now it is better.
- 5 Dan didn't have a beard before. Now he has a beard.
- 6 This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it.
- 7 The temperature was 20 degrees. Now it is only 12.

Tom has lost his key.

Lisa

The bus fare

Her English

Dan

The letter

The

Complete B's sentences. Make sentences from the words in brackets.

A

- 1 Would you like something to eat?
- 2 Do you know where Julia is?
- 3 What time is David leaving?
- 4 What's in the newspaper today?
- 5 Is Sue coming to the cinema with us?
- 6 Are your friends here yet?
- 7 What does Tim think about your plan?

B

No, thanks. I've just had lunch.

(I / just / have / lunch)

Yes,

(I / just / see / her)

(he / already / leave)

I don't know.

(I / not / read / it yet)

No,

(she / already / see / the film)

Yes,

(they / just / arrive)

(we / not / tell / him yet)

Write for or since.

- 1 It's been raining since lunchtime.
- 2 Sarah has lived in Paris since 1995.
- 3 Paul has lived in Brazil for ten years.
- 4 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here for an hour.
- 5 Kevin has been looking for a job since he left school.
- 6 I haven't been to a party for ages.
- 7 I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him since last week.
- 8 Jane is away. She's been away since Friday.
- 9 The weather is dry. It hasn't rained for a few weeks.

Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.

- 1 It stopped raining for a while, but now it's raining again. (it / stop)
- 2 The town where I live is very different now. It has changed a lot. (it / change)
- 3 I studied German at school, but most of it now. (I / forget)
- 4 The police three people, but later they let them go. (arrest)
- 5 What do you think of my English? Do you think ? (it / improve)
- 6 A: Are you still reading the paper?
B: No, with it. You can have it. (I / finish)
- 7 for a job as a tourist guide, but I wasn't successful. (I / apply)
- 8 Where's my bike? outside the house, but it's not there now. (it / be)
- 9 Quick! We need to call an ambulance. an accident. (there / be)
- 10 A: Have you heard about Ben? his arm. (he / break)
B: Really? How ? (that / happen)
A: off a ladder. (he / fall)