

## 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)?

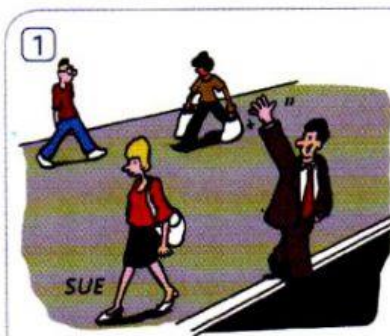
Listen! John \_\_\_\_\_ music! (7: play)

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

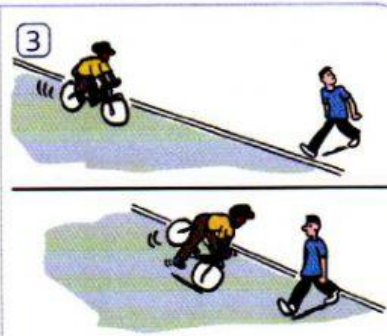
Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



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



2 I ..... (meet) 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.



3 I ..... (cycle) 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 ..... (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 ..... (see) him, he ..... (try) to find a job.
- 8 I ..... (walk) along the street when suddenly I ..... (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody ..... (follow) me. I was scared and I ..... (start) to run.
- 9 When I was young, I ..... (want) to be a pilot.
- 10 Last night 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                                      | B  |
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| 1 Would you like something to eat?     | No, thanks. <u>I've just had lunch.</u><br>(I / just / have / lunch) |
| 2 Do you know where Julia is?          | Yes, .....<br>(I / just / see / her)                                 |
| 3 What time is David leaving?          | .....<br>(he / already / leave)                                      |
| 4 What's in the newspaper today?       | I don't know. ....<br>(I / not / read / it yet)                      |
| 5 Is Sue coming to the cinema with us? | No, .....<br>(she / already / see / the film)                        |
| 6 Are your friends here yet?           | Yes, .....<br>(they / just / arrive)                                 |
| 7 What does Tim think about your plan? | .....<br>(we / not / tell / him yet)                                 |

Write for or since.

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