



**Set 13**  
**Grammar for**  
**Creative**  
**Writing**  
**The Write Tribe**

**SIMPLE TENSES**



## **Simple Tenses 1**

**Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.**

1. Make sure you ---- the electricity before you ---- mending this light switch.

disconnect / start

are disconnecting / were starting

will disconnect / started

disconnect / start

disconnect / will start

2. The workers ---- to go on strike when the management ---- their demand for higher wages.

decide / will refuse

decided / refused

will decide / will refuse

are deciding / refused

would decide / refuse

3. Most people ---- being disturbed while they ----.

don't like / are working

would like / worked

like / worked

don't like / didn't like

will like / were working



4. In public pools, there ---- a much higher level of safety with trained lifeguards on duty whenever they ---- open.

will be / were

was / are

is / are

would be / are

is / were

5. The contractors ---- the stadium when strike ---- all construction.

built / is stopping

are building / stops

were building / will stop

will build / will stop

were building / stopped

6. Humans ---- applying knowledge of genetics in prehistory with the domestication and breeding of plants and animals.

begin

will begin

began

are beginning

would be starting

7. All pilots ---- speak English so that other pilots and air controllers ---- them.

have to / understand

had to / will understand

have to / would understand

will have to / understand

would have to / are understood



8. With a tornado on the way, Jesse ---- he ---- safer under a mattress.

was deciding / will be

is deciding / was

would decide / will be

decided / would be

decides / would be

9. The Internet ---- computer users easily to connect to other computers and information stores wherever they ---- across the world.

allows / are

allowed / will be

are allowing / were

will allow / would be

were allowing / will be

10. Mrs Grant absentmindedly ---- the umbrella that ---- on the seat before her.

was taking / will hang

will take / would hang

is taking / would hang

would take / is hanging

took / was hanging



## Simple Tenses 2

**Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.**

1. The skill of safe driving ---- necessary to avoid collisions, which ---- many thousands of people annually.

is / hurt

was / will hurt

would be / is hurt

will be / were hurt

is / would be hurt

2. As the doctor ---- into the room the nurse ---- him the temperature chart of the patient.

was coming / will hand

will come / was handing

is coming / will be handing

came / handed

comes / was handing

3. After natural gas ---- out of the ground, it ---- to a processing plant where it is cleaned of impurities.

comes / goes

is coming / will go

came / will be going

will come / will go

comes / was going



4. When I ---- to the park with my friend Jake, we ---- fun because it was such a nice day.

was going / have  
would go / were having  
went / had  
am going / will have  
go / will have

5. Anatomy ---- the branch of biology that ---- with the structure and organization of living things.

is / would deal  
was / is dealing  
will be / dealt  
would be / deals  
is / deals

6. Although footballers mainly ---- their feet to move the ball around, they ---- any part of their bodies other than their hands or arms.

are using / used  
will use / are using  
were using / will be using  
use / may use  
used to use / used

7. The little girl --- to remain sitting under the table until her father ---- home.

wants / will come  
wanted / comes  
would want / will come  
wanted / came  
will want / come



8. The lecturer ---- the student who was the closest to the door to turn off the light when the film ----.

is asking / is starting  
was asking / would start  
asked / started  
would ask / starts  
asked / would start

9. In ancient times, the status of manual laborers ---- low as slaves ---- most physical labor.

is / would do  
was / did  
would be / do  
was / would be doing  
will be / was doing

10. The digestive system ---- a group of organs that ---- primarily to convert ingested food into metabolically useful substances.

was / would be functioning  
will be / function  
is / function  
would be / was functioning  
is / will function

