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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

