



## 1. Identify the tenses, then match them to the correct description.

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| 1 The plane to Sydney <b>leaves</b> at eleven o'clock.      | a actions which started in the past and continue up to the present                                       |
| 2 I <b>have written</b> two letters this morning.           | b action which has recently finished and whose result is visible in the present                          |
| 3 They're <b>going</b> on holiday on Saturday.              | c to put emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present |
| 4 Graham <b>has known</b> Errol for five years.             | d to express criticism or annoyance  |
| 5 You're <b>always leaving</b> the door open.               | e timetables and programmes  |
| 6 We <b>are rehearsing</b> a new play at the moment.        | f actions that we have arranged to do in the near future   |
| 7 George <b>has bought</b> a new car.                       | g action which has happened within a specific time period which is not over at the moment of speaking    |
| 8 Lisa <b>has been cleaning</b> the house all morning.      | h action which happened at an unstated time in the past  |
| 9 Look! Alison <b>has dyed</b> her hair!                    | i changing or developing situations  |
| 10 More and more people <b>are recycling</b> their rubbish. | j temporary actions  |

## 2 Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

*Robinson Crusoe has been stuck on a desert island for the past six months. Here is a letter he wrote and put in a bottle:*

Dear Anybody,

I 1) ..... been on this island 2) ..... six months now. It is a miracle that I 3) ..... for this long. I 4) ..... fish and fruit since I got here. Fortunately, I haven't seen any dangerous animals 5) ..... . When I arrived here the weather was fine but it 6) ..... continuously for the past two weeks. I've built a shelter out of sticks and leaves, which is really quite cosy. My main problem is loneliness as I haven't 7) ..... to anyone for so long. I've been thinking of building a boat and trying to escape. Please help me.

R. Crusoe

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 A am              | B is           | C was          | <b>D have</b>        |
| 2 A since           | B for          | C just         | D already            |
| 3 A survive         | B 'm surviving | C 've survived | D 've been surviving |
| 4 A 've been eating | B 'm eating    | C eat          | D 've eaten          |
| 5 A often           | B usually      | C yet          | D always             |
| 6 A 's raining      | B 's rained    | C rains        | D 's been raining    |
| 7 A speak           | B spoken       | C speaks       | D spoke              |

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.



Dear Kathleen.

I 1) ...*'m writing*... (write) to tell you my news. My school 2) ..... (choose) me to spend six weeks at a school in the USA. I'm very happy about it!

At the moment, I 3) ..... (pack) things for my trip, because I 4) ..... (leave) next week. My mother 5) ..... (book) the ticket.

I 6) ..... (wait) for this opportunity for ages, so I'm very excited. I 7) ..... (finish) reading two books about the USA and I 8) ..... (borrow) another one from the school library. I 9) ..... (become) more and more nervous every day!

Well, I must go now. I've got a lot of things to do. I'll write to you from the USA.

Love,  
Tracy



### Writing Activity

Imagine you are on holiday. Write an email to your English pen friend. In your email write:

- where you are • who you are with • where you are staying
- what the weather is like • what you have / haven't done

Use Ex. 17 as a model.

Dear .....

How are you? I ..... from ..... We're staying at .....

The weather here is ..... Right now, ..... Mum and Dad ..... I ..... It's so exciting!

We ..... yet but we ..... Tomorrow, we ..... We're looking forward to it.

See you soon.

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