

TENSES REVIEW

A) PRESENT SIMPLE / CONTINUOUS

1. Choose the correct answer.

1. Turn down the TV. We *try* / *are trying* to study.
2. Paul *is using* / *uses* my bicycle today.
3. They *go skiing* / *are going skiing* for two weeks every winter.
4. *Does Mark perform* / *Is Mark performing* at the club every Sunday?
5. We *don't do* / *aren't doing* our homework tonight.
6. John *is working* / *works* late tomorrow.
7. A lot of people think that the Sun *goes* / *is going* around the Earth.
8. My sister and I *practise* / *are practising* sport on Sundays.
9. *Do you wait* / *Are you waiting* for the bus to Newcastle?

2. Put each verb in brackets into either the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

- 1) Look! She _____ (eat) an apple.
- 2) Please be quiet I _____ (work).
- 3) Where is she? What _____ (she do)?
- 4) She _____ (like) ice cream very much.
- 5) I _____ (not think) that I'm good at playing tennis.
- 6) Where is he? He _____ (go) to the bank right now.
- 7) What is that smoke? Something _____ (burn)!
- 8) She _____ (drink) tea every morning.
- 9) It never _____ (rain) in summer.
- 10) Can you help me? Sorry, I _____ (do) my homework.
- 11) On Sundays we _____ (not go) to school.
- 12) No-one in the picture _____ (wear) a hat.
- 13) A real gentleman _____ (open) a door for a lady.
- 14) Help me, mum. Sorry, I _____ (cook).
- 15) He _____ (not sleep) before eight.
- 16) It's a fine day. The sun _____ (shine).
- 17) Trousers are very expensive. They _____ (cost) a lot of money.
- 18) The man at the bus stop _____ (read) a newspaper.
- 19) Doctors _____ (treat) sick people.
- 20) Boys, where are you? We _____ (clean) our bikes.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.

- 1 In my opinion, what you've told me isn't true. (believe)

2 What is the price of apples in this shop? (cost)

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3 We'll discuss this during lunch. (while)

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4 The child is happy at the moment. (crying)

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5 That notebook isn't mine. (belong)

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6 Do you think this festival is fun? (enjoying)

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B) PAST SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

4. Choose the correct answer.

- 1) I (*was going / went*) to a great party last night.
- 2) When Ellen got home, her mother (*was waiting / waited*) for her.
- 3) Anita (*met / was meeting*) John a year ago.
- 4) I (*was sleeping / slept*) when the fire (*broke out / was breaking out*).
- 5) We saw Tim while we (*were buying / bought*) sandwiches.
- 6) They (*reached / were reaching*) the top of the mountain in one day.
- 7) All the children (*shouted / were shouting*) when the headmaster (*was coming in / came in*).
- 8) Shelley hurt my feelings, so she (*was saying / said*) that she was sorry.
- 9) Yesterday, while I (*was resting / rested*), someone (*rang / was ringing*) the doorbell.
- 10) I (*was writing / wrote*) a composition at the same time as my sister (*played / was playing*) tennis.

5. Fill in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous form of these verbs:

- 1) I (read) _____ in the garden when it (start) _____ raining.
- 2) Kim and John (do) _____ the washing- up while Bob _____ (watch) TV.
- 3) What _____ you _____ (eat) when the telephone (ring) _____?
- 4) Greg and Kevin (play) _____ tennis when they (see) _____ Jenny.
- 5) When the teacher (come) _____ into the room, two boys (play) _____ football.

- 6) Peter (turn on) _____ the TV, but nothing (happen) _____.
- 7) While we (run) _____ in the park, Mary (fall over) _____.
- 8) At 7.00 Tony (get) _____ out of bed, and (go) _____ into the bathroom.
- 9) I (break) _____ my pen while I (do) _____ my homework.
- 10) _____ they _____ (drive) to the airport when their car (break) _____ down?
- 11) While he (make) _____ his speech the minister suddenly (feel) _____ faint. But someone (bring) _____ him a glass of water and after a few minutes he (be) _____ able to continue.
- 12) While he (water) _____ the flowers it (begin) _____ to rain. He (put) _____ up his umbrella and (go) _____ on watering.
- 13) David (run) _____ in the park yesterday morning.
- 14) I _____ (study) my maths lesson while Brian (play) _____ video games.
- 15) While she (lie) _____ in bed, she (hear) _____ a noise in the other room.

6 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.

1 We didn't have a picnic because of the rain. (was)

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2 Francine began to feel ill during lunch. (eating)

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3 There wasn't a month last winter when we didn't go skiing. (every month)

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4 We watched the movie from 8.00 to 10.00. (at 9.15)

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5 Martin forgot his girlfriend's birthday. (remember)

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6 In the middle of the match, Jane called me. (watching)

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C) FUTURE WITH WILL / GOING TO

7. Complete the following sentences with the verbs in brackets in their correct form in *future simple* or *be going to*.

- 1) Next summer, I _____ (travel) to New York. My sister lives there and she bought me a plane ticket for my birthday.
- 2) It's getting cold. I _____ (take) my coat!
- 3) Are you going to the cinema? Wait for me. I _____ (go) with you!
- 4) Jane and Tom _____ (not/study) medicine next year. Jane _____ (study) French and Tom _____ (take) a gap year.
- 5) Mrs Simons, those bags seem quite heavy. I _____ (help) you carry them.
- 6) Experts say the Earth _____ (suffer) seriously if we continue polluting.
- 7) Look at those black clouds. I think it _____ (rain).
- 8) Bye Bye Joe. I _____ (phone) you as soon as I arrive home!
- 9) What _____ (do) tomorrow? I _____ (visit) my grandparents.
- 10) Anne: "I don't have enough money to pay for my lunch."
Peter: " I _____ (lend) you some."

8 Rewrite the sentences. Use the Future Simple, *be going to* or the Present Continuous. There may be more than one possible answer.

- 1 We've decided to see a doctor tomorrow. (seeing)

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- 2 I promise to bring your book tomorrow. (that)

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- 3 Watch out! That dog is about to jump on you. (going)

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- 4 That table looks heavy. Let me help you move it. (I)

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- 5 What is Suzy going to bring to the party tonight? (bringing)

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- 6 I'm sure of your success in the exam next week. (succeed)

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