

Read about four sports, then answer the questions. For each question, choose which sport is the correct answer.

### Leaving home

Going away to university is always a tricky time, both for the students who are leaving home and their parents who are staying behind. We got advice on how to cope from a student daughter and her dad.

#### A daughter's advice to parents, by Kerry Price

My parents drove me to uni at the beginning of the first term. That was great, but then they hung around, so it was hard to chat to the people in the rooms near mine. It's best if you leave us to unpack ourselves.

Don't ask us to come home during term time. There's a lot going on at weekends, there just isn't time.

Get another interest or a pet if you feel lonely without us. Don't make us feel guilty about leaving home!

It is quite interesting to hear about your experiences at uni, but remember that it was a LONG time ago so don't go on about it so much. Things have changed a lot. Now we have a lot more debt and it'll be harder to find a job in the future.

Please don't check up on us or our friends on Facebook. I know it's a public site, but we have the right to some privacy.

Don't change anything in our bedrooms. We have only half left home - we'll be back in the holidays, so please don't touch anything.

We'd still like to come on family holidays with you. Don't forget to include us just because we're not there all the time.

#### A father's advice to students, by Stuart Price

Don't complain so much about how much work you have to do. We work a lot too. You're an adult now, get used to it.

Put up with the fact that we refused to get a dog while you were at home, then suddenly bought one as soon as you moved out. We miss you!

Just because you're at university studying very complex subjects, it doesn't mean that you're more intelligent than everybody else. Don't treat your family as if they were stupid; we're really not.

Let us come and visit you now and again. We promise to try not to embarrass you in front of your friends. We just want to see you for a short time and take you out for a meal.

Don't waste so much time on Facebook. You need time for all that work you have to do, remember?

We might make a few changes to your room, so deal with it. It's great to have a guest room at last, but we won't change things too much, promise.

Don't forget to call home from time to time and don't get annoyed if we phone you. It's not pestering. If we didn't call, you wouldn't know that we care.

#### 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. When children leave home to go to university, it's \_\_\_\_.

- a. the moment they've been waiting for
- b. a difficult experience
- c. more difficult for parents than for children
- d. more difficult for children than for parents

2. Kerry says when students first go to uni, parents should \_\_\_\_.

- a. give their children a lift and then stay a while
- b. give them a lift and then leave
- c. let their children find their own transport
- d. help them unpack their things

3. Kerry thinks students should \_\_\_\_.

- a. do everything they can to avoid upsetting lonely parents
- b. go home regularly while everyone gets used to the change
- c. not feel bad about spending weekends in their university town
- d. avoid visiting their parents too much during term time

4. Kerry thinks Facebook is \_\_\_\_.

- a. a good way to send private messages to family
- b. a good way to show her parents what she's doing with her friends
- c. a space that parents should keep away from
- d. great for parents as long as you're careful with your privacy settings

5. Stuart thinks students sometimes \_\_\_\_.

- a. look down on people who are not studying
- b. ask for help with their work too much
- c. talk about their university subjects too much
- d. forget that their parents were young once

6. Stuart says parents would like to \_\_\_\_.

- a. stay for at least one night when they visit
- b. meet their son or daughter's university friends
- c. come and visit at least once a fortnight
- d. visit every so often and go to a restaurant together

7. Stuart is \_\_\_\_.

- a. hurt that his daughter won't talk to him on Facebook
- b. critical of the amount of time his daughter spends on Facebook
- c. a big fan of Facebook
- d. confused about how to use Facebook properly

8. Stuart promises to \_\_\_\_.

- a. make only minimal changes to his daughter's bedroom
- b. keep his daughter's bedroom exactly as she left it
- c. redecorate his daughter's bedroom and turn it into a guest bedroom
- d. clean his daughter's old room before she comes back to visit

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a verb phrase from the box.

take her out   hang around   going on   put up with   leave home   check up on   give  
her a lift   go on about

- 1. The text gives two points of view about the difficult time when young people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Kerry was happy that her parents agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ when she first went to uni.
- 3. Kerry advises parents not to \_\_\_\_\_ while their children are trying to chat to their new roommates.
- 4. Kerry says students can't come home at weekends because there's so much \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Kerry wishes her parents wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ their university days so much.
- 6. Kerry says parents should not use Facebook to \_\_\_\_\_ their children.
- 7. Stuart thinks children just have to \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that their parents might get a pet when they leave.
- 8. Stuart says he would like to see Kerry occasionally and \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner.

# A ghost story

This is a story of a man who went fishing every night. He would always go alone because he enjoyed the silence. And even though he had to ride past the cemetery, he was never scared.

One night he was so tired that he \_\_\_\_\_ (1) asleep while fishing. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (2) it was 2 a.m. He took his bike and rode home. Suddenly he spotted a boy who \_\_\_\_\_ (3). He stopped to ask him why he \_\_\_\_\_ (4) alone in the dark. He replied that he \_\_\_\_\_ (5) and asked him for a lift. The fisherman agreed and the boy sat on the rear of his bike. The fisherman rode for a long time losing the sense of time. He was tired and did not know where he \_\_\_\_\_ (6) to.

Eventually he found himself in front of the cemetery gates. He was afraid. It was almost dawn. He turned around to check on the boy, but he was not there. Terrified the fisherman went home as fast as he could.

He told no one about what \_\_\_\_\_ (7) to him that night. Then, after a while, he heard a story about a little boy who \_\_\_\_\_ (8) at the place where he was fishing. His soul \_\_\_\_\_ (9) there for many years. The next morning he went to church and \_\_\_\_\_ (10) a candle for the poor boy's soul.

When the night fell he \_\_\_\_\_ (11) fishing again. And again he met the same boy at the gate of the cemetery. The boy stood there with a big happy smile on his face. This time the fisherman \_\_\_\_\_ (12) no fear.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT PAST TENSE TO COMPLETE THE STORY

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a) had fallen         | b) fell             | c) was falling     |
| 2. a) woke up            | b) was waking up    | c) has woken up    |
| 3. a) was crying         | b) had cried        | c) cried           |
| 4. a) stood              | b) was stood        | c) was standing    |
| 5. a) got lost           | b) was getting lost | c) had got lost    |
| 6. a) was riding         | b) rided            | c) had been riding |
| 7. a) happened           | b) was happening    | c) had happened    |
| 8. a) had been drowning  | b) had drowned      | c) drowned         |
| 9. a) had been wandering | b) was wandering    | c) wandered        |
| 10. a) lighted           | b) lit              | c) was lighting    |
| 11. a) went              | b) was going        | c) had gone        |
| 12. a) feeled            | b) felt             | c) had felt        |



# PRESENT TENSES REVIEW



## PRESENT: Simple - Continuous

1. My son ..... (seldom/ ride) his bike in the street.
2. "Where's the dog?"  
"He ..... (hide) somewhere in the garden."
3. "The soup ..... (not taste) good."  
"Why ..... (you/ not try) adding some salt and pepper?"
4. The teacher ..... (always/ explain) the exercises but her students ..... (rarely/ listen)
5. Oh dear! I ..... (not remember) locking the front door when leaving for work this morning.
6. My little sister ..... (love) ice cream. In summer, she ..... (eat) three ice creams a day.
7. "Why ..... (the dog/ bark)?"  
"I ..... (think) there is someone at the door."
8. The phone ..... (ring). Will you answer it?
9. Turn the TV down, will you? I ..... (try) to finish my homework!
10. What ..... (you/ want) to do this evening?

## PRESENT PERFECT: Simple - Continuous

1. My father ..... (travel) to Berlin twice, on business.
2. How long ..... (Jonathan/ work) in the construction industry?
3. Mary ..... (not be) to school for a week. She must be very ill.
4. Sheila ..... (work) on her Geography project all week.
5. I'm starving! I ..... (have) nothing to eat all day.
6. Your father ..... (call) you for Days! Where on earth ..... (you/ be)?
7. Who ..... (use) my laptop? The battery is flat!
8. Mr Johnson, it's the third time you ..... (be) late this month.
9. James ..... (think) about his girlfriend all day.
10. The secretary ..... (finish) writing the report but she ..... (email) it yet.

## PRESENT: Simple - Continuous - Perfect Simple - Perfect Continuous

1. I ..... (never see) that man before so I ..... (not know) his name.
2. "Look at the children! They ..... (have) a wonderful time."  
"Yes, indeed! They ..... (swim) in the pool since morning."
3. "Why ..... (she/ cry)?"  
"She ..... (just hear) some horrible news."
4. "Where's mum?"  
"She ..... (go) to the post office. She left ten minutes ago."
5. My brother ..... (always throw) his clothes all over the floor. I ..... (have) enough!
6. "How long ..... (you/ know) each other?"  
"For ten years. We first met at secondary school."
7. "Bill ..... (look) really tired."  
"That's because he ..... (study) for a Maths test all day."
8. It's almost midnight. .... (you/ not finish) your homework yet?
9. Be quiet, children. Dad ..... (make) an important phone call.
10. Jimmy ..... (leave). He ..... (wave) goodbye.
11. "What ..... (your brother/ do)?"  
"Well, he ..... (study) accountancy but he ..... (work) as a sales assistant."
12. The chocolate cake ..... (taste) delicious. Can I have one more piece, please?
13. I ..... (feel) exhausted. You see, I ..... (not sleep) well lately.
14. There you are! Where ..... (you/ be)?  
We ..... (wait) for over half an hour!
15. Manchester United ..... (play) Barcelona on Saturday. .... (you/ want) to come over and watch the match?
16. We ..... (be) to the cinema twice this month. Why ..... (we/ not go) to the theatre instead? Besides, I ..... (hate) horror films.
17. The baby ..... (cry) because you ..... (not feed) her!
18. .... (you/ realise) what ..... (you/ just say)?
19. "We ..... (fly) to Agra next week."  
"Lucky you! I ..... (always/ want) to visit the Taj Mahal!"
20. "..... (you/ see) mum?"  
"Yes. She ..... (water) the garden."



Classify the following adjectives.

Opinion

Size

Shape

Age

Color

Origin

Material

Purpose

Beautiful lovely nice sport race  
square crimson European old  
national antique white  
Blue Chinese high American  
baseball round steel enormous  
tiny wooden golf  
triangular unwise French  
short amazing five-year-old  
wavy leather cotton

### Writing an email.

You have just received a letter from a new pen friend who lives in another country. Read part of his letter and plan your reply.

Write your email in 140- 190 words.

I can't wait to hear all about you! What have you and your family been doing recently? Do you have a best friend and what's he or she like? Have you and your family done anything interested during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown?

Do write back soon and tell me!

Love,

Peter