

**EXERCISE****2****NOUNS**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 The air \_\_\_\_\_ been polluted ever since the forest fires occurred.  
(1) has      (2) have      (3) having      (4) are having      (    )
- 2 Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ a favourite pastime of many people today.  
(1) were      (2) was      (3) are      (4) is      (    )
- 3 Synthetic rubber \_\_\_\_\_ used more often today to make many products.  
(1) is      (2) are      (3) was      (4) were      (    )
- 4 Cement \_\_\_\_\_ used to patch up the hole in the wall yesterday.  
(1) are      (2) were      (3) is      (4) was      (    )
- 5 There \_\_\_\_\_ empty drink cans all over the floor after the party last night.  
(1) is      (2) are      (3) was      (4) were      (    )
- 6 Puddles of water \_\_\_\_\_ found everywhere immediately after the heavy rain yesterday.  
(1) were      (2) are      (3) was      (4) is      (    )
- 7 The cancellation of the shows \_\_\_\_\_ angered those people who have already bought the tickets.  
(1) having      (2) has      (3) have      (4) is      (    )
- 8 An equal mixture of water and syrup \_\_\_\_\_ used to make the drink at the party last night.  
(1) is      (2) was      (3) are      (4) were      (    )
- 9 The boy whose dog had run away \_\_\_\_\_ searching for it in the neighbourhood last week.  
(1) is      (2) are      (3) was      (4) were      (    )
- 10 The seawater \_\_\_\_\_ away some sand particles from the breakwater.  
(1) wash      (2) washing      (3) were washing      (4) washes      (    )