

## EXERCISE

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## TENSES AND CONCORD

Simple Present and Past

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

- 1 The traffic police \_\_\_\_\_ traffic when the traffic lights were out of order.  
(1) direct (2) directs (3) directed (4) is directing ( 3 )
- 2 Joe \_\_\_\_\_ a mooncake just now.  
(1) eat (2) ate (3) eats (4) is eating ( )
- 3 The children \_\_\_\_\_ when the clown comes on stage.  
(1) laugh (2) laughs (3) laughed (4) is laughing ( )
- 4 Sam \_\_\_\_\_ us for the picnic yesterday.  
(1) join (2) joins (3) is joining (4) joined ( )
- 5 Maria \_\_\_\_\_ overseas once a year.  
(1) travel (2) travels (3) travelled (4) is travelling ( )
- 6 My favourite food stall \_\_\_\_\_ down last week.  
(1) close (2) closed (3) closes (4) is closing ( )
- 7 Tom \_\_\_\_\_ for his mother when he could not find her.  
(1) shouted (2) shouts (3) shout (4) is shouting ( )
- 8 The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy last night.  
(1) attack (2) attacked (3) attacks (4) are attacking ( )
- 9 Who \_\_\_\_\_ the call just now?  
(1) answer (3) is answering  
(2) answers (4) answered ( )
- 10 The principal \_\_\_\_\_ all the students who were late for school this morning.  
(1) punished (3) punish  
(2) punishing (4) are punishing ( )