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Verb Tense Exercise 1

Simple Present / Present Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. Every Monday, Sally (drive) _____ her kids to football practice.
2. Usually, I (work) _____ as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I (study) _____ French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.
3. Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep) _____ .
4. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain) _____ .
5. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always) _____ .
6. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say) _____ because everybody (talk) _____ so loudly.
7. Justin (write, currently) _____ a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.
8. Jim: Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?
Denise: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go) _____ to a movie tonight with some friends.
9. The business cards (be, normally) _____ printed by a company in New York. Their prices (be) _____ inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.
10. This delicious chocolate (be) _____ made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.

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Verb Tense Exercise 2

Simple Present / Present Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

A Trekking Journal

November 12, 1997

Today (be) _____ the second day of my trek around Mount Annapurna. I am exhausted and my legs (shake) _____ ; I just hope I am able to complete the trek. My feet (kill, really) _____ me and my toes (bleed) _____ , but I (want, still) _____ to continue.

Nepal is a fascinating country, but I have a great deal to learn. Everything (be) _____ so different, and I (try) _____ to adapt to the new way of life here. I (learn) _____ a little bit of the language to make communication easier; unfortunately, I (learn, not) _____ foreign languages quickly. Although I (understand, not) _____ much yet, I believe that I (improve, gradually) _____ .

I (travel, currently) _____ with Liam, a student from Leeds University in England. He (be) _____ a nice guy, but impatient. He (walk, always) _____ ahead of me and (complain) _____ that I am too slow. I (do) _____ my best to keep up with him, but he is younger and stronger than I am. Maybe, I am just feeling sorry for myself because I am getting old.

Right now, Liam (sit) _____ with the owner of the inn. They (discuss) _____ the differences between life in England and life in Nepal. I (know, not) _____ the real name of the owner, but everybody (call, just) _____ him Tam. Tam (speak) _____ English very well and he (try) _____ to teach Liam some words in Nepali. Every time Tam (say) _____ a new word, Liam (try) _____ to repeat it. Unfortunately, Liam (seem, also) _____ to have difficulty learning foreign languages. I just hope we don't get lost and have to ask for directions.

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Verb Tense Exercise 3

Simple Past / Past Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

- A: What (you, do) _____ when the accident occurred?
 B: I (try) _____ to change a light bulb that had burnt out.
- After I (find) _____ the wallet full of money, I (go, immediately) _____ to the police and (turn) _____ it in.
- The doctor (say) _____ that Tom (be) _____ too sick to go to work and that he (need) _____ to stay at home for a couple of days.
- Sebastian (arrive) _____ at Susan's house a little before 9:00 PM, but she (be, not) _____ there. She (study, at the library) _____ for her final examination in French.
- Sandy is in the living room watching television. At this time yesterday, she (watch, also) _____ television. That's all she ever does!
- A: I (call) _____ you last night after dinner, but you (be, not) _____ there. Where were you?
 B: I (work) _____ out at the fitness center.
- When I (walk) _____ into the busy office, the secretary (talk) _____ on the phone with a customer, several clerks (work, busily) _____ at their desks, and two managers (discuss, quietly) _____ methods to improve customer service.
- I (watch) _____ a mystery movie on TV when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the movie ends.
- Sharon (be) _____ in the room when John told me what happened, but she didn't hear anything because she (listen, not) _____ .
- It's strange that you (call) _____ because I (think, just) _____ about you.

11. The Titanic (cross) the Atlantic when it (strike) an iceberg.
12. When I entered the bazaar, a couple of merchants (bargain, busily) and (try) to sell their goods to naive tourists who (hunt) for souvenirs. Some young boys (lead) their donkeys through the narrow streets on their way home. A couple of men (argue) over the price of a leather belt. I (walk) over to a man who (sell) fruit and (buy) a banana.
13. The firemen (rescue) the old woman who (be) trapped on the third floor of the burning building.
14. She was so annoying! She (leave, always) her dirty dishes in the sink. I think she (expect, actually) me to do them for her.
15. Samantha (live) in Berlin for more than two years. In fact, she (live) there when the Berlin Wall came down.

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Verb Tense Exercise 4

Simple Past / Past Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

Last night, while I was doing my homework, Angela (call) _____ . She said she (call) _____ me on her cell phone from her biology classroom at UCLA. I asked her if she (wait) _____ for class, but she said that the professor was at the front of the hall lecturing while she (talk) _____ to me. I couldn't believe she (make) _____ a phone call during the lecture. I asked what was going on.

She said her biology professor was so boring that several of the students (sleep, actually) _____ in class. Some of the students (talk) _____ about their plans for the weekend and the student next to her (draw) _____ a picture of a horse. When Angela (tell) _____ me she was not satisfied with the class, I (mention) _____ that my biology professor was quite good and (suggest) _____ that she switch to my class.

While we were talking, I (hear) _____ her professor yell, "Miss, are you making a phone call?" Suddenly, the line went dead. I (hang) _____ up the phone and went to the kitchen to make dinner. As I (cut) _____ vegetables for a salad, the phone rang once again. It (be) _____ Angela, but this time she wasn't sitting in class.

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Verb Tense Exercise 5

Simple Past / Present Perfect

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. A: Did you like the movie "Star Wars?"

B: I don't know. I (see, never) _____ that movie.

2. Sam (arrive) _____ in San Diego a week ago.

3. My best friend and I (know) _____ each other for over fifteen years. We still get together once a week.

4. Stinson is a fantastic writer. He (write) _____ ten very creative short stories in the last year. One day, he'll be as famous as Hemingway.

5. I (have, not) _____ this much fun since I (be) _____ a kid.

6. Things (change) _____ a great deal at Coltech, Inc. When we first (start) _____ working here three years ago, the company (have, only) _____ six employees. Since then, we (expand) _____ to include more than 2000 full-time workers.

7. I (tell) _____ him to stay on the path while he was hiking, but he (wander) _____ off into the forest and (be) _____ bitten by a snake.

8. Listen Donna, I don't care if you (miss) _____ the bus this morning. You (be) _____ late to work too many times. You are fired!

9. Sam is from Colorado, which is hundreds of miles from the coast, so he (see, never) _____ the ocean. He should come with us to Miami.

10. How sad! George (dream) _____ of going to California before he died, but he didn't make it. He (see, never) _____ the ocean.

11. In the last hundred years, traveling (become) _____ much easier and very comfortable. In the 19th

century, it (take) two or three months to cross North America by covered wagon. The trip (be) very rough and often dangerous. Things (change) a great deal in the last hundred and fifty years. Now you can fly from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours.

12. Jonny, I can't believe how much you (change) since the last time I (see) you. You (grow) at least a foot!

13. This tree (be) planted by the settlers who (found) our city over four hundred years ago.

14. This mountain (be, never) climbed by anyone. Several mountaineers (try) to reach the top, but nobody (succeed, ever). The climb is extremely difficult and many people (die) trying to reach the summit.

15. I (visit, never) Africa, but I (travel) to South America several times. The last time I (go) to South America, I (visit) Brazil and Peru. I (spend) two weeks in the Amazon, (hike) for a week near Machu Picchu, and (fly) over the Nazca Lines.

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Verb Tense Exercise 6

Simple Past / Present Perfect

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

Since computers were first introduced to the public in the early 1980's, technology (change) a great deal. The first computers (be) simple machines designed for basic tasks. They (have, not) much memory and they (be, not) very powerful. Early computers were often quite expensive and customers often (pay) thousands of dollars for machines which actually (do) very little. Most computers (be) separate, individual machines used mostly as expensive typewriters or for playing games.

Times (change). Computers (become) powerful machines with very practical applications. Programmers (create) a large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to bookkeeping. We are still playing video games, but today's games (become) faster, more exciting interactive adventures. Many computer users (get, also) on the Internet and (begin) communicating with other computer users around the world. We (start) to create international communities online. In short, the simple, individual machines of the past (evolve) into an international World Wide Web of knowledge.

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Verb Tense Exercise 7

Present Perfect / Present Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

Robin: I think the waiter (forget) _____ us. We (wait) _____ here for over half an hour and nobody (take) _____ our order yet.

Michele: I think you're right. He (walk) _____ by us at least twenty times. He probably thinks we (order, already) _____ .

Robin: Look at that couple over there, they (be, only) _____ here for five or ten minutes and they already have their food.

Michele: He must realize we (order, not) _____ yet! We (sit) _____ here for over half an hour staring at him.

Robin: I don't know if he (notice, even) _____ us. He (run) _____ from table to table taking orders and serving food.

Michele: That's true, and he (look, not) _____ in our direction once.

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Verb Tense Exercise 8

Present Perfect / Present Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. Judy: How long (be) _____ in Canada?

Claude: I (study) _____ here for more than three years.

2. I (have) _____ the same car for more than ten years. I'm thinking about buying a new one.

3. I (love) _____ chocolate since I was a child. You might even call me a "chocoholic."

4. Matt and Sarah (have) _____ some difficulties in their relationship lately, so they (go) _____ to a marriage counselor. I hope they work everything out.

5. John (work) _____ for the government since he graduated from Harvard University. Until recently, he (enjoy) _____ his work, but now he is talking about retiring.

6. Lately, I (think) _____ about changing my career because I (become) _____ dissatisfied with the conditions at my company.

7. I (see) _____ Judy for more than five years and during that time I (see) _____ many changes in her personality.

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Verb Tense Exercise 9

Present Continuous / Present Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

- It (rain) _____ all week. I hope it stops by Saturday because I want to go to the beach.
- Sid: Where is Gary?
Sarah: He (study, at the library) _____ for his German test on Wednesday. In fact, he (review) _____ for the test every day for the last week.
- You look really great! (You, exercise) _____ at the fitness center ?
- Frank, where have you been? We (wait) _____ for you since 1 PM.
- Tim: What is that sound?
Nancy: A car alarm (ring) _____ somewhere down the street. It (drive) _____ me crazy - I wish it would stop! It (ring) _____ for more than twenty minutes.
- Joseph's English (improve, really) _____, isn't it? He (watch) _____ American television programs and (study) _____ his grammar every day since he first arrived in San Diego. Soon he will be totally fluent.
- Dan: You look a little tired. (You, get) _____ enough sleep lately?
Michelle: Yes, I (sleep) _____ relatively well. I just look tired because I (feel) _____ a little sick for the last week.
Dan: I hope you feel better soon.
Michelle: Thanks. I (take, currently) _____ some medicine, so I should feel better in a couple of days.

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Verb Tense Exercise 10

Present Continuous / Present Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

Mr. Smith: So tell me a little bit about yourself, Mr. Harris. I would like to find out a little bit more about your background.

Mr. Harris: I (work) _____ in the insurance industry for over ten years. I worked for Met Life for six years and World Insurance for four and a half. During that time, I heard many good things about Hollings Life Insurance and that's why I (apply) _____ for the new sales position.

Mr. Smith: Tell me a little about your hobbies and interests.

Mr. Harris: In my spare time, I hike in the mountains outside of town, volunteer at the Sierra Club and play tennis. In fact, I (compete) _____ in a tennis tournament this weekend.

Mr. Smith: Really, how long (you, play) _____ tennis ?

Mr. Harris: I (play) _____ since high school. I love the sport.

Mr. Smith: Great! We like dedication here at Hollings Life. You mentioned you volunteer at the Sierra Club. I (work, currently) _____ with them on the sea turtle project. We (try) _____ to create a wildlife sanctuary near the bay.

Mr. Harris: Do you know Frank Harris? He's my brother. He (work, presently) _____ on the same project.

Mr. Smith: I know Frank quite well. Any brother of Frank's would be a welcome addition to Hollings Life. Just one more thing, we (look) _____ for somebody who is fluent in Spanish; many of our clients are from Mexico.

Mr. Harris: No problem. I (study) _____ Spanish since elementary school.

Mr. Smith: Sounds like you are the perfect candidate.

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Verb Tense Exercise 11

Simple Past / Past Perfect

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

I can't believe I (get) _____ that apartment. I (submit) _____ my application last week, but I didn't think I had a chance of actually getting it. When I (show) _____ up to take a look around, there were at least twenty other people who (arrive) _____ before me. Most of them (fill, already) _____ out their applications and were already leaving. The landlord said I could still apply, so I did.

I (try) _____ to fill out the form, but I couldn't answer half of the questions. They (want) _____ me to include references, but I didn't want to list my previous landlord because I (have) _____ some problems with him in the past and I knew he wouldn't recommend me. I (end) _____ up listing my father as a reference.

It was total luck that he (decide) _____ to give me the apartment. It turns out that the landlord and my father (go) _____ to high school together. He decided that I could have the apartment before he (look) _____ at my credit report. I really lucked out!

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Verb Tense Exercise 12

Simple Past / Present Perfect / Past Perfect

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. When I (arrive) home last night, I discovered that Jane (prepare) a beautiful candlelight dinner.

2. Since I began acting, I (perform) in two plays, a television commercial and a TV drama. However, I (speak, never even) publicly before I came to Hollywood in 1985.

3. By the time I got to the office, the meeting (begin, already) without me. My boss (be) furious with me and I (be) fired.

4. When I (turn) the radio on yesterday, I (hear) a song that was popular when I was in high school. I (hear, not) the song in years, and it (bring) back some great memories.

5. Last week, I (run) into an ex-girlfriend of mine. We (see, not) each other in years, and both of us (change) a great deal. I (enjoy) talking to her so much that I (ask) her out on a date. We are getting together tonight for dinner.

6. When Jack (enter) the room, I (recognize, not) him because he (lose) so much weight and (grow) a beard. He looked totally different!

7. The Maya established a very advanced civilization in the jungles of the Yucatan; however, their culture (disappear, virtually) by the time Europeans first (arrive) in the New World.

8. I (visit) so many beautiful places since I (come) to Utah. Before moving here, I (hear, never) of Bryce Canyon, Zion, Arches, or Canyonlands.

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Verb Tense Exercise 13

Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

I'm sorry I left without you last night, but I told you to meet me early because the show started at 8:00. I (try) to get tickets for that play for months, and I didn't want to miss it. By the time I finally left the coffee shop where we were supposed to meet, I (have) five cups of coffee and I (wait) over an hour. I had to leave because I (arrange) to meet Kathy in front of the theater.

When I arrived at the theater, Kathy (pick, already) up the tickets and she was waiting for us near the entrance. She was really angry because she (wait) for more than half an hour. She said she (give, almost) up and (go) into the theater without us.

Kathy told me you (be) late several times in the past and that she would not make plans with you again in the future. She mentioned that she (miss) several movies because of your late arrivals. I think you owe her an apology. And in the future, I suggest you be on time!

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Verb Tense Exercise 14

Present Perfect / Past Perfect

Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. It is already 9:30 PM and I (wait) _____ here for over an hour. If John does not get here in the next five minutes, I am going to leave.

2. I was really angry at John yesterday. By the time he finally arrived, I (wait) _____ for over an hour. I almost left without him.

3. Did you hear that Ben was fired last month? He (work) _____ for that import company for more than ten years and he (work) _____ in almost every department. Nobody knew the company like he did.

4. I (see) _____ many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt. Pictures of the monuments are very misleading. The pyramids are actually quite small.

5. Sarah (climb) _____ the Matterhorn, (sail) _____ around the world, and (go) _____ on safari in Kenya. She is such an adventurous person.

6. Sarah (climb) _____ the Matterhorn, (sail) _____ around the world and (go) _____ on safari in Kenya by the time she turned twenty-five. She (experience) _____ more by that age than most people do in their entire lives.

7. When Melanie came into the office yesterday, her eyes were red and watery. I think she (cry) _____ .

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Verb Tense Exercise 15

Present Continuous / Simple Past

Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

My English is really getting better. I (try) _____ to learn the language since 1985, but only recently have I been able to make some real progress. By the time I started high school in 1988, I (study) _____ the language for almost three years; however, I was only able to introduce myself and utter a few memorized sentences. For a couple more years, I (struggle) _____ through grammar and vocabulary lessons, which made absolutely no difference. Nothing worked, so I decided to study abroad.

I found an exchange program in England that sounded like the perfect answer. I (stay) _____ with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I (sit) _____ there the whole time staring at the host mother and father hoping that there would be some breakthrough. Nothing.

When I returned, I mentioned to a friend that I (have) _____ problems with the language for years. He recommended that I spend a year in an English speaking country. I decided to go abroad again. I (research) _____ exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.

Well, it worked. I (live) _____ and (study) _____ in the U.S. for more than two years. I (stay) _____ here for at least another year before I return home. By then, I should be completely fluent.

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Verb Tense Exercise 17

Present and Past Tense Review

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

Lars: Excuse me, which movie are you waiting for?

Tony: We (wait) _____ for the new Stars Wars movie. In fact, we (wait) _____ here for more than five hours.

Lars: Five hours? When did you arrive?

Tony: We (get) _____ here at 6:00 o'clock this morning. More than forty people (stand, already) _____ here waiting for tickets when we arrived.

Lars: I can't believe that! Are you serious?

Tony: Yeah, people (take) _____ Star Wars movies seriously. In fact, this particular showing has been sold out for over a week. We (wait, just) _____ in line to get a good seat in the theater.

Lars: When did you buy your tickets?

Tony: I (buy) _____ them last week by phone. I (know) _____ tickets would be hard to get because I (see) _____ a news interview with a group of people standing in line to get tickets. They (wait) _____ in line for almost a month to buy tickets for the first showing.

Lars: I don't believe that!

Tony: It's true. They (camp) _____ out in front of Mann's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles for about a month because they (want) _____ to be the first people to see the movie.

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Verb Tense Exercise 18

Will / Be Going To

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. A: Why are you holding a piece of paper?

B: I (write) _____ a letter to my friends back home in Texas.

2. A: I'm about to fall asleep. I need to wake up!

B: I (get) _____ you a cup of coffee. That will wake you up.

3. A: I can't hear the television!

B: I (turn) _____ it up so you can hear it.

4. We are so excited about our trip next month to France. We (visit) _____

Paris, Nice and Grenoble.

5. Sarah (come) _____

to the party. Oliver (be) _____

there as well.

6. Ted: It is so hot in here!

Sarah: I (turn) _____ the air-conditioning on.

7. I think he (be) _____

the next President of the United States.

8. After I graduate, I (attend) _____

medical school and become a doctor. I have wanted to be a

doctor all my life.

9. A: Excuse me, I need to talk to someone about our hotel room. I am afraid it is simply too small for four people.

B: That man at the service counter (help) _____ you.

10. As soon as the weather clears up, we (walk) _____

down to the beach and go swimming.

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Verb Tense Exercise 19

Will / Be Going To

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Mark: What are you doing with those scissors?

Beth: I (cut) _____ that picture of the ocean out of the travel magazine.

Mark: What (you, do) _____ with it?

Beth: I (paint) _____ a watercolor of the ocean for my art class, and I thought I could use this photograph as a model.

2.

Mark: (you, do) _____ me a favor, Sam?

Sam: Sure, what do you want me to do?

Mark: I (change) _____ the broken light bulb in the lamp above the dining room table. I need someone to hold the ladder for me while I am up there.

Sam: No problem, I (hold) _____ it for you.

3.

Gina: Where are you going?

Ted: I (go) _____ to the store to pick up some groceries.

Gina: What (you, get) _____ ?

Ted: I (buy) _____ some milk, some bread, and some coffee.

4.

John: Wow, it's freezing out there.

Jane: I (make) _____ some coffee to warm us up. Do you want a piece of pie as well?

John: Coffee sounds great! But I (have) _____ dinner with some friends later, so I'd better skip the pie.

Jane: I (go) _____ to dinner tonight too, but I'm having a piece of pie anyway.

5.

Frank: I heard you're taking a Spanish class at the community college.

Tom: Yeah, I (go) _____ to Guatemala next spring and I thought knowing a little Spanish would make the trip easier.

Frank: I (visit) _____ my brother in Marseilles next year. Maybe I should take a French class.

Tom: I have a course catalog in the other room. I (go)
they're offering a French course next semester.

get it, and we can see whether or not

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Verb Tense Exercise 20

Will / Be Going To

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Michael: Do you think the Republicans or the Democrats (win) _____ the next election?

Jane: I think the Republicans (win) _____ the next election.

John: No way! The Democrats (win) _____ .

2.

Susan: We (go) _____ camping this weekend. Would you like to come along?

Sam: That sounds great, but I don't have a sleeping bag.

Susan: No problem. I (lend) _____ you one. My family has tons of camping gear.

3.

Barbara: I (buy) _____ a new car this weekend, but I'm a little worried because I don't really know much about cars. I'm afraid the salesman (try) _____ to take advantage of me when he sees how little I know.

Dave: I used to work for a mechanic in high school and I know a lot about cars. I (go) _____ with you to make sure you are not cheated.

4.

Gina: Fred and I (visit) _____ Santa Fe next summer. Have you ever been there?

Margaret: My family lives in Santa Fe! I (give) _____ you my parents' phone number. When you get to Santa Fe, just call them and they (give) _____ you a little tour of the town. They can show you some of the sights that most tourists never see.

5.

Pam: Can you see my future in the crystal ball? What (happen) _____ next year?

Fortune Teller: You (meet) _____ a man from the East Coast, perhaps New York or maybe Boston. You (marry) _____ that mystery man.

Pam: Forget the man! I want to know if I (get) _____ a new job.

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Verb Tense Exercise 21

Simple Present / Simple Future

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. Today after I (get) _____ out of class, I (go) _____ to a movie with some friends.
2. When you (arrive) _____ in Stockholm, call my friend Gustav. He (show) _____ you around the city and help you get situated.
3. A: Do you know what you want to do after you (graduate) _____ ?
B: After I (receive) _____ my Master's from Georgetown University, I (go) _____ to graduate school at UCSD in San Diego. I (plan) _____ to complete a Ph.D. in cognitive science.
4. If it (snow) _____ this weekend, we (go) _____ skiing near Lake Tahoe.
5. Your father (plan) _____ to pick you up after school today at 3:00 o'clock. He (meet) _____ you across the street near the ice cream shop. If something happens and he cannot be there, I (pick) _____ you up instead.
6. If the people of the world (stop, not) _____ cutting down huge stretches of rain forest, we (experience) _____ huge changes in the environment during the twenty-first century.
7. If Vera (keep) _____ drinking, she (lose, eventually) _____ her job.
8. I promise you that I (tell, not) _____ your secret to anybody. Even if somebody (ask) _____ me about what happened that day, I (reveal, not) _____ the truth to a single person.
9. She (make) _____ some major changes in her life. She (quit) _____ her job and go back to school. After she (finish) _____ studying, she (get) _____ a better-paying job and buy a house. She is going to improve her life!
10. Tom (call) _____ when he (arrive) _____ in Madrid. He (stay) _____ with you for two or three days until his new apartment (be) _____ available.



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Verb Tense Exercise 22

Simple Present / Simple Future

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Michael: After you (leave) _____ work, will you please drop by the grocery store and pick up some milk and bread?

Marie: No problem, I (pick) _____ up the groceries and be home by 6 o'clock.

Michael: Great. You will probably get home before I (do) _____ .

2.

Ari: By the time we (get) _____ to the movie theater, the tickets are going to be sold out.

Sarah: Don't worry. I told Jane we might be arriving just before the movie (start) _____. She (buy) _____ our tickets and meet us in the lobby.

Ari: That place is huge! We (find, never) _____ her in that crowded lobby.

Sarah: Calm down, we (meet) _____ each other near the entrance.

3.

Terry: If the weather (be) _____ good tomorrow, maybe we should go to the beach.

Jennifer: I have a better idea. If it (be) _____ nice out, we'll go to the beach; and if it (rain) _____, we'll see a movie.

Terry: I guess we will have to wait until we (get) _____ up in the morning to find out what we are going to do.

4.

Max: What are you going to do tomorrow after work?

Sean: I (meet) _____ some friends at the cafe across the street. Would you like to come along?

Max: No thanks! My brother is coming to town and I (pick) _____ him up from the airport at 7 o'clock.

Sean: We (be, probably) _____ at the cafe until 9 o'clock. Why don't you join us after you (pick) _____ him up.

Max: Sounds good. We (see) _____ you around 8 o'clock.

5.

Lucy: I (call) _____ you as soon as I arrive in Dublin.

Dwain: If I am not there when you (call) _____, make sure to leave a message.

Lucy: I will. And please don't forget to water my plants and feed the cat.

Dwain: I promise I (take) _____ care of everything while you are in Ireland.

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Verb Tense Exercise 23

Simple Future / Future Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Sandra: Where is Tim going to meet us?

Marcus: He (wait) _____ for us when our train arrives. I am sure he (stand) _____ on the platform when we pull into the station.

Sandra: And then what?

Marcus: We (pick) _____ Michele up at work and go out to dinner.

2.

Ted: When we get to the party, Jerry (watch) _____ TV, Sam (make) _____ drinks, Beth (dance) _____ by herself, and Thad (complain) _____ about his day at work.

Robin: Maybe, this time they won't be doing the same things.

Ted: I am absolutely positive they (do) _____ the same things; they always do the same things.

3.

Florence: Oh, look at that mountain of dirty dishes! Who (wash) _____ all of those?

Jack: I promise I (do) _____ them when I get home from work.

Florence: Thanks.

Jack: When you get home this evening, that mountain will be gone and nice stacks of sparkling clean dishes (sit) _____ in the cabinets.

4.

Doug: If you need to contact me next week, I (stay) _____ at the Hoffman Hotel.

Nancy: I (call) _____ you if there are any problems.

Doug: This is the first time I have ever been away from the kids.

Nancy: Don't worry, they (be) _____ be fine.

5.

Samantha: Just think, next week at this time, I (lie) _____ on a tropical beach in Maui drinking Mai Tais and eating pineapple.

Darren: While you are luxuriating on the beach, I (stress) _____ out over this marketing project.

How are you going to enjoy yourself knowing that I am working so hard?

Samantha: I'll manage somehow.

Darren: You're terrible. Can't you take me with you?

Samantha: No. But I (send)

you a postcard of a beautiful, white sand beach.

Darren: Great, that (make)

me feel much better.

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Verb Tense Exercise 24

Simple Present / Simple Future Present Continuous / Future Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. Right now, I am watching TV. Tomorrow at this time, I (watch) _____ TV as well.
2. Tomorrow after school, I (go) _____ to the beach.
3. I am going on a dream vacation to Tahiti. While you (do) _____ paperwork and (talk) _____ to annoying customers on the phone, I (lie) _____ on a sunny, tropical beach. Are you jealous?
4. We (hide) _____ when Tony (arrive) _____ at his surprise party. As soon as he opens the door, we (jump) _____ out and (scream) _____, "Surprise!"
5. We work out at the fitness center every day after work. If you (come) _____ over while we (work) _____ out, we will not be able to let you into the house. Just to be safe, we (leave) _____ a key under the welcome mat so you will not have to wait outside.
6. While you (study) _____ at home, Magda (be) _____ in class.
7. When I (get) _____ to the party, Sally and Doug (dance) _____, John (make) _____ drinks, Sue and Frank (discuss) _____ something controversial, and Mary (complain) _____ about something unimportant. They are always doing the same things. They are so predictable.
8. When you (get) _____ off the plane, I (wait) _____ for you.
9. I am sick of rain and bad weather! Hopefully, when we (wake) _____ up tomorrow morning, the sun (shine) _____.
10. If you (need) _____ to contact me sometime next week, I (stay) _____ at the Sheraton in San Francisco.

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Verb Tense Exercise 25

Simple Future / Future Perfect

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Margaret: Do you think everything will be finished when I get back from the store?

Jerry: Don't worry. By the time you get back, I (pick) _____ up the living room and (finish) _____ washing the dishes. Everything will be perfect when your parents arrive.

Margaret: I hope so. They (arrive) _____ around 6 o'clock.

Jerry: Everything (be) _____ spotless by the time they get here.

2.

Nick: I just have two more courses before I graduate from university. By this time next year, I (graduate) _____, and I will already be looking for a job.

Stacey: Does that scare you? Are you worried about the future?

Nick: Not really. I (go) _____ to a career counselor and get some advice on how to find a good job.

Stacey: That's a good idea.

Nick: I am also going to do an internship so that when I leave school, I (complete, not only) _____ over 13 business courses, but I (work, also) _____ in the real world.

3.

Stan: Did you hear that Christine (take) _____ a vacation in South America this winter?

Fred: I can't believe how often she goes abroad. Where exactly does she want to go?

Stan: She (visit) _____ Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Fred: At this rate, she (visit) _____ every country in the world by the time she's 50.

4.

Judy: How long have you been in Miami?

Elaine: I have only been here for a couple of weeks.

Judy: How long do you plan on staying?

Elaine: I love Miami, so I (stay) _____ here for an extended period of time. When I go back home, I (be) _____ here for more than three months.

Judy: Wow, that's quite a vacation! You (see, definitely) _____ just about everything there is to see in Miami by then.

5.

Jane: I can't believe how late we are! By the time we get to the dinner, everyone (finish, already) eating.

Jack: It's your own fault. You took way too long in the bathroom.

Jane: I couldn't get my hair to look right.

Jack: Who cares? By the time we get there, everyone (left) . Nobody (see, even) your hair.

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Verb Tense Exercise 26

Future Perfect / Future Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1. By the time we get to Chicago this evening, we (drive) _____ more than four hundred miles. We are going to be exhausted.
2. When Sarah goes on vacation next month, she (study) _____ German for over two years. She should be able to communicate fairly well while she is in Austria.
3. I have not traveled much yet; however, I (visit) _____ the Grand Canyon and San Francisco by the time I leave the United States.
4. By the time you finish studying the verb tense tutorial, you (master) _____ all twelve tenses including their passive forms.
5. Drive faster! If you don't hurry up, she (have) _____ the baby by the time we get to the hospital.
6. I came to England six months ago. I started my economics course three months ago. When I return to Australia, I (study) _____ for nine months and I (be) _____ in England for exactly one year.
7. Margie just called and said she would be here at 8 o'clock. By the time she gets here, we (wait) _____ for her for two hours.
8. Frank just changed jobs again. If he keeps this up, he (change) _____ jobs at least four or five times by the end of the year.
9. Come over to my house around 9 o'clock. By then, I (complete) _____ my history essay and we can go see a movie.
10. In June, my grandmother and grandfather (be) _____ married for fifty years.

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Verb Tense Exercise 27

Future Perfect / Future Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Jack: Have you been watching the Eco-Challenge on TV?

Janet: Isn't that exciting? It has got to be the most unbelievably difficult sporting event in the world.

Jack: I know. By the time they finish the course, they (raft) _____ more than 150 miles down a raging river, (hike) _____ through 80 miles of jungle, (climb) _____ a volcano and (kayak) _____ through shark-infested waters.

Janet: And don't forget that they (move) _____ for at least eight days straight.

2.

Oliver: When are you going to get your bachelor's degree, Anne?

Anne: I am going to finish my degree next June. By the time I graduate, I (go) _____ to four different colleges and universities, and I (study) _____ for more than seven years.

Oliver: Wow, that's a long time!

Anne: And I plan to continue on to get a Ph.D.

Oliver: Really? How long is that going to take?

Anne: By the time I finally finish studying, I (be) _____ a student for over 13 years.

3.

Max: Sarah has been in the kitchen all day long.

Jake: It doesn't sound like she's having a very good Thanksgiving.

Max: She (cook) _____ for over seven hours by the time everyone arrives for dinner this afternoon. Hopefully, she (finish) _____ everything by then.

Jake: Maybe we should help her out.

4.

Mike: It's 6:00, and I have been working on my essay for over three hours.

Sid: Do you think you (finish) _____ by 10:00? There's a party at Donna's tonight.

Mike: I (complete, probably) _____ the essay by 10:00, but I (work) _____ on it for more than seven hours, and I don't think I am going to feel like going to a party.

5.

Fred: By the time they finish their trip across Yosemite National Park, they (hike) _____ for

more than six days.

Ginger: And they (be, not) _____ in a bed or (have) _____ a shower in almost a week!

Fred: When we pick them up, they (eat) _____ camping food for days, and I am sure they will be starving.

Ginger: I think we had better plan on taking them directly to a restaurant.

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Verb Tense Exercise 28

Future Continuous / Future Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

1.

Simona: Margaret is really going to speak Spanish well when she gets back from that language school in Mexico.

Isabelle: Hopefully! She (take) _____ classes for more than six months.

Simona: She is going to be able to speak Spanish with some of our Latin American clients.

Isabelle: Good. Two clients from Peru (visit) _____ us next month when Margaret returns. We need someone to entertain them while they are here.

2.

Jason: I am leaving!

Nurse: If you would please wait, the doctor will be with you in ten minutes. The doctor is having some problems with a patient.

Jason: The doctor was having problems with that patient an hour ago. If I wait another ten minutes, I am sure he (have, still) _____ problems with her. By the time he's finally ready to see me, I (wait) _____ for more than two hours.

3.

Frank: What are you going to be doing tomorrow at five?

Debbie: I (paint) _____ my living room walls.

Frank: Still? How long have you been working on your living room?

Debbie: Forever. By the time I finish, I (redecorate) _____ the living room for over a week.

Frank: Too bad. I was going to ask if you wanted to see a movie. What about the day after tomorrow?

Debbie: Sorry, I (move) _____ furniture and (put) _____ up drapes.

4.

Mr. Jones: What are you going to be doing next year at this time?

Mr. McIntyre: I (work) _____ for a big law firm in New Orleans.

Mr. Jones: I didn't know you were leaving Baton Rouge.

Mr. McIntyre: I got a great job offer which I just can't refuse. Besides, by the time I move, I (live) _____ in Baton Rouge for over twenty years. I think it's about time for a change.

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Cumulative Verb Tense Review

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

- You look really great! (you, work) _____ out at the fitness center recently?
- A: What (you, do) _____ when the accident occurred?
B: I (try) _____ to change a light bulb that had burnt out.
- I (have) _____ the same car for more than ten years. I'm thinking about buying a new one.
- If it (snow) _____ this weekend, we (go) _____ skiing near Lake Tahoe.
- A: What do you call people who work in libraries?
B: They (call) _____ librarians.
- I came to England six months ago. I started my economics course three months ago. When I return to Australia, I (study) _____ for nine months and I (be) _____ in England for exactly one year.
- Sam (arrive) _____ in San Diego a week ago.
- Samantha (live) _____ in Berlin for more than two years. In fact, she (live) _____ there when the Berlin wall came down.
- If Vera (keep) _____ drinking, she (lose, eventually) _____ her job.
- The Maya established a very advanced civilization in the jungles of the Yucatan; however, their culture (disappear, virtually) _____ by the time Europeans first (arrive) _____ in the New World.
- Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep) _____ .
- It (rain) _____ all week. I hope it stops by Saturday because I want to go to the beach.
- Listen Donna, I don't care if you (miss) _____ the bus this morning. You (be) _____ late to work too many times. You are fired!

14. I am sick of rain and bad weather! Hopefully, when we (wake) _____ up tomorrow morning, the sun (shine) _____.
15. I have not traveled much yet; however, I (visit) _____ the Grand Canyon and San Francisco by the time I leave the United States.
16. I (see) _____ many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt. Pictures of the monuments are very misleading. The pyramids are actually quite small.
17. In the last hundred years, traveling (become) _____ much easier and very comfortable. In the 19th century, it (take) _____ two or three months to cross North America by covered wagon. The trip (be) _____ very rough and often dangerous. Things (change) _____ a great deal in the last hundred and fifty years. Now you can fly from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours.
18. Joseph's English (improve, really) _____, isn't it? He (watch) _____ American television programs and (study) _____ his grammar every day since he first arrived in San Diego. Soon he will be totally fluent.
19. When I (arrive) _____ home last night, I discovered that Jane (prepare) _____ a beautiful candlelight dinner.
20. If you (need) _____ to contact me sometime next week, I (stay) _____ at the Sheraton in San Francisco.

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Verb Tense Final Test

Cumulative Verb Tense Review

Complete questions 1-10 below with the appropriate tenses, answer questions 11-15, then click the "Check" button to check your answers.

- When Carol (call) last night, I (watch) my favorite show on television.
- I (work) for this company for more than thirty years, and I intend to stay here until I retire!
- Sharon (love) to travel. She (go) abroad almost every summer. Next year, she plans to go to Peru.
- Thomas is an author. He (write) mystery novels and travel memoirs. He (write) since he was twenty-eight. Altogether, he (write) seven novels, three collections of short stories and a book of poetry.
- We were late because we had some car problems. By the time we (get) to the train station, Susan (wait) for us for more than two hours.
- Sam (try) to change a light bulb when he (slip) and (fell)
- Everyday I (wake) up at 6 o'clock, (eat) breakfast at 7 o'clock and (leave) for work at 8 o'clock. However, this morning I (get) up at 6:30, (skip) breakfast and (leave) for work late because I (forget) to set my alarm.
- Right now, Jim (read) the newspaper and Kathy (make) dinner. Last night at this time, they (do) the same thing. She (cook) and he (read) the newspaper. Tomorrow at this time, they (do, also) the same thing. She (prepare) dinner and he (read) . They are very predictable people!
- By this time next summer, you (complete) your studies and (find) a job. I, on the other hand, (accomplish, not) anything. I (study, still) and you (work) in some new high paying job.

10. The students (be, usually) taught by Mrs. Monty. However, this week they (be) taught by Mr. Tanzer.

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11.
Jane talks on the phone.
Bob has been talking on the phone for an hour.
Mary is talking on the phone.

Who is not necessarily on the phone now?

12.
I'm going to make dinner for Frank.
I'm making dinner for Judy.
I'll make dinner for Mary.
I make dinner for Ted.
I will be making dinner for Tony.

Who are you offering to make dinner for?

13.
Jane left when Tim arrived.
Bob left when Tim had arrived.
Tim arrived when Mary was leaving.
John had left when Tim arrived.
After Tim arrived, Frank left.

Who did not run into Tim?

14.
Jane is talking in class.
Bob always talks in class.
Mary is always talking in class.

Whose action bothers you?

15.
Jane never left Jamestown.
Bob has never left Jamestown.

Who is still alive?

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