

## Present Simple / Present Continuous

### A Choose the correct answer.

1. He (is appearing / appears) in two shows every week.
2. Shops (close / are closing) late on Monday nights.
3. Don't disturb him. He (tries / is trying) to sleep.
4. Are you free tonight? We (are having / have) a party.
5. John (is seeing / sees) his girlfriend this evening.
6. We (don't think / aren't thinking) this is a good idea.

### B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. Kim ..... (take) her dog for a walk in the evenings.
2. Call later. He ..... (study) for his exam now.
3. How much ..... the book ..... (cost)?
4. Take an umbrella. It ..... (rain) at the moment.
5. My grandmother ..... (not forget) any of her grandchildren's birthdays.
6. Vegetarians ..... (not eat) meat.
7. .... you ..... (come) to the disco with us next Friday?
8. This suitcase ..... (weigh) about 20 kilos.

### C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. Visiting our friends in the country is a rare occurrence. (see)  
We .....
2. They are in the middle of supper. (have)  
Right now, they .....
3. In my opinion, she isn't beautiful. (not think)  
I .....
4. She's not working today because it's Saturday. (not go)  
She .....
5. We don't have anything special planned for this weekend. (do)  
We .....
6. My neighbours own that car. (belong)  
That car .....
7. What's the matter? (cry)  
Why ..?

### D Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

If you <sup>1</sup>..... (love) surfing and <sup>2</sup>..... (want) to get a university degree, you should go to Plymouth University in Britain. Students who <sup>3</sup>..... (surf) three or four times a week for fun can now do a degree in surfing, and make a career of it. While surfing <sup>4</sup>..... (look) easy when you watch from the beach, getting a degree is quite hard to achieve. Jim and Helen are in their last year of school, and <sup>5</sup>..... (take) their A-levels this summer. They both <sup>6</sup>..... (own) surfboards, but they <sup>7</sup>..... (not surf) much these days. They <sup>8</sup>..... (study) very hard for their A-levels. They <sup>9</sup>..... (know) the academic requirements for acceptance to the surfing course are high, and the course itself is also hard. It <sup>10</sup>..... (include) oceanography, marine biology, ecology and the design of wetsuits and surfboards, as well as actual surfing. But Jim and Helen both <sup>11</sup>..... (believe) it's worth the effort. Let's wish them luck.

## Present Simple / Present Continuous – Answers

- A**
- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. appears   | 4. are having  |
| 2. close     | 5. is seeing   |
| 3. is trying | 6. don't think |
- B**
- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. takes         | 5. doesn't forget |
| 2. is studying   | 6. don't eat      |
| 3. does ... cost | 7. Are ... coming |
| 4. is raining    | 8. weighs         |
- C**
1. rarely see our friends in the country
  2. are having supper
  3. don't think she's beautiful
  4. doesn't go to work on Saturdays
  5. aren't doing anything special this weekend
  6. belongs to my neighbour
  7. are you crying
- D**
- |               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. love       | 7. aren't surfing / don't surf |
| 2. want       | 8. are studying                |
| 3. surf       | 9. know                        |
| 4. looks      | 10. includes                   |
| 5. are taking | 11. believe                    |
| 6. own        |                                |

## Past Simple / Present Perfect Simple

### A Choose the correct answer.

1. I'm really hungry. I (haven't eaten / didn't eat) yet.
2. They (arrived / have arrived) a week ago.
3. We (have worked / worked) here for three years.
4. They (didn't recognise / haven't recognised) me at yesterday's meeting.
5. Our neighbour (was / has been) in hospital since Friday.
6. (Have you travelled / Did you travel) abroad many times?

### B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

1. John ..... (not call) me recently.
2. They ..... (buy) a new car last month.
3. The teacher ..... (not return) the tests yet.
4. How long ..... she ..... (know) about this problem?
5. .... you ever ..... (hear) such an unbelievable story?
6. When I was a child, I ..... (live) in England for two years.
7. He ..... (buy) me a beautiful gift for my birthday.
8. I am so excited to have a dog. I ..... (always / want) one.

### C Correct the error in each of the sentences.

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|--|---|
| 1. Have you ever eat Chinese food?<br>.....                | 5. Mr Brown already left the office.<br>.....       |
| 2. She has moved to another city last year.<br>.....       | 6. We haven't been abroad since a year.<br>.....    |
| 3. They have sent out the invitations yet.<br>.....        | 7. The lesson has started ten minutes ago.<br>..... |
| 4. Jack hasn't seen Jill since she has graduated.<br>..... | 8. Did she just leave?<br>.....                     |

### D Complete the passage with suitable words.

I <sup>1</sup>..... always been very fit and healthy, and I have <sup>2</sup>..... had a serious illness. However, a couple of weeks <sup>3</sup>..... , I caught the flu. I must admit that until then, I <sup>4</sup>..... not realised just how unpleasant the flu could be. I had a high temperature for nearly a week, and my whole body hurt. I don't think I have <sup>5</sup>..... felt so miserable. It's taking me ages to get my strength back. It really bothers me that I haven't had enough energy to play football <sup>6</sup>..... I got ill. In fact, I have <sup>7</sup>..... been to the doctor to ask if it's normal to feel weak for so long. He says I'll soon feel better. Apparently I'm lucky. For some people, especially the old and the weak, the flu can be very serious. Doctors have tried <sup>8</sup>..... years to find a cure for the flu, but they haven't found one <sup>9</sup>..... . Fortunately, researchers have developed a vaccine which gives effective protection against the disease. According to my doctor, most of his elderly patients have <sup>10</sup>..... received their flu shots.

## Past Simple / Present Perfect Simple – Answers

- A**
- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. haven't eaten | 4. didn't recognise   |
| 2. arrived       | 5. has been           |
| 3. have worked   | 6. Have you travelled |

- B**
1. hasn't called / has not called
  2. bought
  3. hasn't returned / has not returned
  4. has ... known
  5. Have ... heard
  6. lived
  7. bought
  8. have always wanted

- C**
1. Have you ever eaten Chinese food?
  2. She moved to another city last year.
  3. They haven't sent out the invitations yet.
  4. Jack hasn't seen Jill since she graduated.
  5. Mr Brown has already left the office.
  6. We haven't been abroad for a year.
  7. The lesson started ten minutes ago.
  8. Has she just left?

- D**
- |          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1. have  | 6. since          |
| 2. never | 7. already / just |
| 3. ago   | 8. for            |
| 4. had   | 9. yet            |
| 5. ever  | 10. already       |

## Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple

### A Choose the correct answer.

1. I heard a knock at the front door so I (went / was going) to answer it.
2. At this time yesterday, I (wrote / was writing) an essay.
3. The football season (began / was beginning) a month ago.
4. She (had graduated / graduated) from school in 2001.
5. We entered the house quietly because everyone (was sleeping / had slept).
6. By the time we (got / had got) to the cinema, the film had already started.
7. The children (were playing / played) in the garden while their parents were watching them.
8. They (had left / left) many hours before we arrived.

### B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

1. They ..... (get) to the airport as the plane was landing.
2. She wore the shoes she ..... (buy) the previous day.
3. I fell as I ..... (run) for the bus.
4. What ..... she ..... (say) when he asked her to marry him?
5. When I was a student, I ..... (not have) much money.
6. Why ..... she still ..... (work) at one o'clock in the morning?
7. I was happy to see her, because we ..... (not see) each other for years.
8. By the time we got to the shop, a long queue ..... already ..... (form) outside.

### C Choose the sentence which is closer in meaning to the original.

1. I had already seen the film but I decided to watch it again last night.
  - a. I watched the film last night for the first time.
  - b. Last night wasn't the first time that I had seen the film.
2. The boys were playing football while it was raining.
  - a. The boys were playing football until it started to rain.
  - b. The boys played football in the rain.
3. I was writing an e-mail when our computer broke down.
  - a. Our computer broke down before I wrote an e-mail.
  - b. I had started writing an e-mail and then our computer broke down.
4. My aunt bought me a lovely gift after she had spent the summer holiday with us.
  - a. When the summer holiday was over, my aunt bought me a lovely gift.
  - b. While my aunt was spending the summer holiday with us, she bought us a lovely gift.

### D Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Until a few years ago, no one <sup>1</sup>. ..... (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The writer, J K Rowling, <sup>2</sup>. ..... (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She <sup>3</sup>. ..... (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she <sup>4</sup>. ..... (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train <sup>5</sup>. ..... (reach) King's Cross station, she <sup>6</sup>. ..... (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one <sup>7</sup>. ..... (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly <sup>8</sup>. ..... (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries <sup>9</sup>. ..... (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling <sup>10</sup>. ..... (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.

## Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple – Answers

- A**
- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. went        | 5. was sleeping |
| 2. was writing | 6. got          |
| 3. began       | 7. were playing |
| 4. graduated   | 8. had left     |

- B**
- got
  - had bought
  - was running
  - did ... say
  - didn't have
  - was ... working
  - hadn't seen
  - had ... formed

- C**
- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 1. b | 3. b |
| 2. b | 4. a |

- D**
- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. had heard           | 6. had invented  |
| 2. had already written | 7. imagined      |
| 3. got                 | 8. became        |
| 4. was travelling      | 9. were enjoying |
| 5. reached             | 10. was thinking |

## Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous

### A Choose the correct answer.

1. I love this writer's books. I (have been reading / had been reading) them for years.
2. His clothes were dirty because he (has been working / had been working) in the garden.
3. Where have you been? We (had been waiting / have been waiting) for you for ages.
4. He hasn't decided on a career yet, but he (has been thinking / had been thinking) about it lately.
5. After she (has been playing / had been playing) the violin for ten years, she joined an orchestra.

### B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or the Past Perfect Continuous.

1. Mike has never had an accident and he ..... (drive) for years.
2. She had no idea it was so late because she ..... (not / watch) the time.
3. " ..... (you / take) your medicine regularly, Mrs Smith?" "Yes, doctor."
4. They eventually found the dog after they ..... (look) for it all night.
5. How long ..... your father ..... (work) for the company when he retired?

### C Complete the sentences with a suitable word or expression.

for ■ by tomorrow ■ so far ■ the week before ■ since

1. Our TV hasn't been working ..... last week.
2. The Browns invited us to dinner although we had only met .....
3. They will have finished painting the house .....
4. We had been writing ..... nearly an hour when the bell rang.
5. They have interviewed three suspects .....

### D Choose the correct answer.

1. Don't come before seven. I ..... my homework.  
a. haven't finished      b. won't have finished      c. hadn't finished
2. She loves animals. She ..... a dog for as long as she can remember.  
a. has had      b. had had      c. will have had
3. Jack wanted to know why Sally ..... to him yet.  
a. hasn't written      b. hasn't been writing      c. hadn't written
4. We ..... him, so we were very surprised to see him.  
a. haven't been expecting      b. haven't expected      c. hadn't been expecting
5. His playing has improved because he ..... all month.  
a. will have practised      b. has been practising      c. had practised

### E Correct the errors in the following sentences.

1. Jane has lost weight. She had been dieting for months now.  
.....
2. Everything was white when we woke up because it has been snowing all night.  
.....
3. I was so happy when he asked me to marry him. I have been loving him for years.  
.....
4. That man is making me nervous. He has stared at me all evening.  
.....
5. Hurry up, or they have sold all the tickets by the time we get there.  
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## Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous – Answers

- A**
1. have been reading
  2. had been working
  3. have been waiting
  4. has been thinking
  5. had been playing

- B**
1. has been driving
  2. hadn't been watching
  3. Have you been taking
  4. had been looking
  5. had ... been working

- C**
1. since
  2. the week before
  3. by tomorrow
  4. for
  5. so far

- D**
1. b
  2. a
  3. c
  4. c
  5. b

- E**
1. Jane has lost weight. She has been dieting for months now.
  2. Everything was white when we woke up because it had been snowing all night.
  3. I was so happy when he asked me to marry him. I have loved him for years.
  4. That man is making me nervous. He has been staring at me all evening.
  5. Hurry up, or they will have sold all the tickets by the time we get there.



## Future Tenses

### A Match I to II to form sentences.

- I
1. Hurry up! We're leaving
  2. They'll be lying on the beach
  3. We will have arrived
  4. It's definite. My friends and I are going to travel
  5. I think he will be rich and famous

- II
- ..... a. one day.
  - ..... b. in five minutes.
  - ..... c. next summer.
  - ..... d. at this time next week.
  - ..... e. by this time tomorrow.

### B Choose the correct answer.

Jeff's family usually comes to stay with us for Christmas, but <sup>1</sup>. (by this Christmas / this Christmas) we are going to visit them instead. They live on the coast of Queensland in South Australia. I can hardly wait – I <sup>2</sup>. (will have / will be having) a fantastic time there. School holidays <sup>3</sup>. (are going to start / will start) on Friday, and we are going to leave the following morning. At this time next week, I <sup>4</sup>. (will be swimming / will have swum) in the sea, and snorkelling with Jeff. He's an expert snorkler, and he <sup>5</sup>. (is going to practise / will have practised) with me every day. <sup>6</sup>. (By / On) the last day of our visit, Jeff's dad is going to take us to visit the Great Barrier Reef. I hope by then I <sup>7</sup>. (will have improved / will be improving) enough to snorkel at the reef and see the magnificent coloured corals and brightly coloured fish close up. The reef is 2,200 kilometres long and people say it's an underwater wonderland. Next year I <sup>8</sup>. (am going to learn / will learn) scuba diving, because only serious divers can dive in the deeper waters on the outer edges of the reef.

### C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the Future Simple, *be going to*, Future Perfect or Future Continuous.

1. The concert ..... (start) at exactly 10 o'clock.
2. See you at the station! I ..... (wear) a red jacket.
3. Don't worry! I ..... (not leave) without you.
4. We certainly ..... (not finish) all the work by this time tomorrow.
5. Anne ..... (invite) some of her friends for dinner after work.
6. .... she ..... (remember) to call us this afternoon?
7. What ..... you ..... (do) at the weekend?

### D Complete each sentence using the verb in brackets and the Future Simple, *be going to*, Future Continuous or Future Perfect.

1. Tennis practice starts at 10, and we plan to play for two hours. (finish)  
By 12 o'clock, .....
2. The phone is ringing! (answer)  
I ..... the phone.
3. Do you want to come to the disco with us? (come)  
..... you ..... ?
4. Look at those clouds. (rain)  
Do you think ..... ?
5. Their plane lands at 7.30. Let's get there earlier. (wait)  
At 7 o'clock, we .....

## Future Tenses – Answers

- A** 1. b                    3. e                    5. a  
2. d                    4. c

- B** 1. this Christmas            5. is going to practise  
2. will have                    6. On  
3. will start                    7. will have improved  
4. will be swimming        8. am going to learn

- C** 1. will start                    5. is going to invite  
2. will be wearing            6. Will ... remember  
3. won't leave                7. are ... going to do  
4. won't have finished

- D** 1. we will have finished playing tennis / we will have finished our tennis practice  
2. will answer  
3. Are ... going to come to the disco with us  
4. it will rain  
5. will be waiting for their plane to arrive / land