

EXERCISES ON THE PRESENT TENSES.

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A) PRESENT SIMPLE

A. Rewrite the following sentences in the negative form using the words in brackets.

1. Mrs. Warren drinks coffee at night. (tea)

Mrs Warren doesn't drink tea at night

2. They eat a big breakfast every day. (lunch)

3. The buses always stop at the supermarket. (bank)

4. Dan speaks Spanish very well. (French)

5. I like fresh vegetables. (fruit)

6. We own a new car. (motorbike)

7. George practises the piano every afternoon. (in the morning)

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Sally's brother and sister ride their bicycles to school. (to the beach)

B. Use the appropriate wh-question to ask about the underlined words.

1. **What do you study?**

I study English.

2. _____

They finish school at one o'clock.

3. _____

She visits her grandmother every Friday.

4. _____

The last bus leaves in five minutes.

5. _____

The dog eats meat.

6. _____

She lives in Seville.

7. _____

They go to the beach every Tuesday.

8. _____

John and Bill like eggs for breakfast.

B) PRESENT CONTINUOUS

A. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous of the verb in brackets and underline the time expression if there is one. .

1. We **are waiting** (wait) for the bus now.
2. They _____ (go) to the beach today
3. The dog is hungry. It _____ (bark) at the moment.
4. Peggy is tired. She _____ (lie) on the grass.
5. Stop! You _____ (drive) too quickly!
6. Mother _____ (bake) a chocolate cake.
7. Billy _____ (clap) his hands.
8. I _____ (try) to play the piano.
9. They _____ (dig) a big hole.
10. The child _____ (jump) up and down.

B. Write sentences as in the example.

1. The man is sleeping. (fish) **No! The man isn't sleeping. He's fishing.**
2. The two boys are lying on the sand. (swim) _____
3. The fat boy is laughing. (cry) _____
4. The dog is eating. (drink) _____
5. The two girls are water-skiing. (read) _____
6. The young man is reading. (listen to the radio) _____

C) PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

A. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous or the simple present of the verb in brackets and underline the time expression if there is one.

1. I _____ (do) my homework right now.
2. What is she cooking now? I _____ (smell) something good.
3. They _____ (play) football at the moment.
4. We _____ (belong to) a video club.
5. This exercise is easy. I _____ (understand) the rule.
6. He _____ (write) a letter to his grandparents at the moment.
7. They _____ (want) to go to the new film now.
8. I _____ (hear) a noise. Someone is coming.
9. The bell _____ (ring) right now.
10. They _____ (seem) angry.
11. I _____ (believe) he's working today.

12. She _____ (taste) the cake mixture. It needs more sugar.
13. I _____ (know) my mother's favourite colour. It is blue.
14. The dentist _____ (see) my sister at the moment.
15. Don't talk to him now. He _____ (think).
16. I _____ (hear) the train coming.
17. Helen _____ (prefer) the pink blouse.
18. I _____ (like) this macaroni. Please give me some more.
19. This is my book. It _____ (belong) to me.
20. The nurse _____ (weigh) the baby at the moment.

B. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous or the simple present of the verb in brackets and underline the time expression if there is one.

1. I _____ (go) to town right now. I _____ (want) some groceries.
2. He _____ (write) a letter to his family now. He _____ (never) forgets to write.
3. He _____ (not think) it is a good idea. He _____ (want) to do something else.
4. She _____ (talk) to her friend at the moment. She _____ (not listen) to the teacher.
5. I _____ (read) an interesting book now. I _____ (enjoy) it very much.
6. We _____ (watch) the news on television every morning.
7. He _____ (teach) his friend how to play chess now. His friend _____ (not know) how to play.
8. I _____ (believe) you. You _____ (not need) to explain.
9. The film _____ (begin) right now. Please be quiet.
10. The sun is shining. It _____ (not rain).

EXERCISES ON THE PAST.

A) SIMPLE PAST

A. Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1. He **helped** (helped) his friend.
2. They _____ (decide) to go on a trip.
3. She _____ (visit) her grandmother.
4. His parents _____ (permit) him to go on a trip.
5. Jack _____ (enjoy) the film.
6. Mr. Rogers _____ (reply) to the letter.
7. Janet _____ (close) the door.
8. Bob and Susan _____ (plant) flowers in the garden.
9. The dog _____ (beg) for food.
10. Her husband _____ (taste) the cake.

B. Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1. We saw (see) them in the park yesterday.
2. They _____ (write) two letters last week.
3. Rina _____ (give) him a watch for his birthday.
4. They _____ (have) chicken for dinner.
5. The children _____ (go) to a film.
6. Harry _____ (buy) a new radio.
7. He _____ (come) to my house last night.
8. His uncle _____ (pay) for the toy.
9. The singers _____ (sing) a new song on television.
10. Mr. Hyde _____ (teach) English last year.
11. The dog _____ (bite) the boy.
12. They _____ (ride) their bicycles to school yesterday.

C. Rewrite the following sentences in the simple past. Change the time expressions in the sentence for those given in brackets.

1. He often practises the piano. (last week)

He practised the piano last week

2. The twins seldom visit their cousins in Rome. (a year ago)

3. We play football in the park on Sundays. (often)

4. They visit the museum once a month. (last week)

5. He washes his car every day. (once a month)

6. The doctor checks the patient every week. (the day before yesterday)

7. They worry about money all the time. (never)

8. He rarely goes to the cinema. (many months ago)

D. Write sentences in the simple past using the words given.

1. Tammy / buy / yesterday / some / clothes

Tammy bought some clothes yesterday

2. Roger / pizza / for lunch / eat / last Wednesday.

3. We / last summer / in the lake / swim

4. Eric / run / yesterday / all the way to school.

5. The trees / last winter / fall / in the storm.

6. The visitors / coffee / have / last night.

7. She / give / yesterday / the baby / a bottle.

The children / last year / on a camel / ride.

Donna / the book / lay / last week / on the table.

10. Sally / about a party / last night / dream.

11. Fred / basketball / yesterday / play.

12. The children / last week / the window / break / at school.

E. Rewrite the following sentences in the negative form using the words in brackets.

1. Betty bought some eggs. (any meat)

Betty didn't buy any meat

2. Al called his sister. (his brother)

3. Fred and Wilma wanted a new house. (a new car)

4. She put salt in the food. (in the sauce)

5. Our family watched the news. (the film)

6. I saw the forest. (the river)

7. The stranger wore a coat. (a hat)

The children went to the beach. (to the zoo)

Jean ate some oranges. (any apples)

10. She broke the plate. (the cup)

F. Use the appropriate wh-question to ask about the underlined words.

1. Where did John go on Sunday?

John went to the stadium on Sunday.

2. _____

She received many presents on her birthday.

3. _____

Larry won first prize in the tennis tournament.

4. _____

Joey wrote the best story..

5. _____

The tour group travelled across Europe.

6. _____

Sammy ate eggs, toast and cereal this morning.

7. _____

The little girl saw the car.

8. _____

Jill heard a loud scream last night.

9. _____

He gave her a watch for her birthday.

10. _____

The students wrote a story in class.

B) PAST CONTINUOUS

A. Rewrite the following sentences in the negative form using the words in brackets.

1. He was wearing a hat. (boots)

He wasn't wearing boots

2. She was preparing breakfast. (cook dinner)

3. The children were watching TV. (do homework)

4. Bob was playing football. (practise the piano)

5. Mrs Evans was teaching us arithmetic. (give a test)

B. You went to a party at your friend Pedro's house. You arrived early. What were the family doing?. These words will help you

When I arrived:

1. Peter's mother **was cooking dinner**
2. Peter's sister _____
3. Peter's baby brother _____
4. Peter's father _____
5. Peter's _____
6. Peter's grandfather _____
while his grandmother _____

C) PAST SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

A. Fill in the blanks with the past continuous or the simple past of the verb in brackets

1. She was feeding the baby while I _____ (read) a book.
2. The children were studying for the exam while they _____ (wait) for the teacher.
3. When his mother _____ (come) into the room, the baby wasn't crying.
4. Mary and Mike were swimming when it _____ (start) to rain.
5. While the children _____ (watch) television, Christina was making dinner.
6. I was taking a shower when the phone _____ (ring).
7. He _____ (wait) for the bus when his father arrived in his car.
8. George was leaving the library when he _____ (see) his friend.

B. Write Wh-questions using the information given. Remember to write the verbs in the appropriate tense. Use the past continuous at least once in each sentence.

1. What / you / do / when / the phone / ring

What were you doing when the phone rang?

2. What / the children / watch / on television / when / you / come / home

3. What / you / cook / when / I / call / you

4. Where / she / sit / when / you / see / her

5. What / programme / you / watch / between / 9 and 10 o'clock

6. Who / he / dance / with / at the party

7. What / you / do / when / you / hear / the news

8. Who / you / talk to / when / the teacher / come in

9. What / you / listen to / on the radio / as / I / walk in

10. What / the children / argue about / before / they / go to bed / last night
