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Complete each sentence with a present simple or present continuous form of the words in bold.

- 1 ... ~~Do you like~~ cheese sandwiches?
you like
- 2 What time?
the sun rise
- 3 What at the moment?
you read
- 4 I'll talk to you later. a bath.
I have
- 5 We at school.
not use computers
- 6 Look out of the window!
it snow
- 7 This is an examination! Why ?
you talk
- 8 Ann to school by bus every day.
go
- 9 a uniform at your school?
you wear
- 10 Pat has got an interesting hobby. a boat.
she build

2

Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 That can't be right! I don't believe/I'm not believing it!
- 2 Caroline can't swim today. She has/is having a cold.
- 3 See you in the morning. I leave/I'm leaving now.
- 4 What do you do/are you doing? If you drop it, it will explode!
- 5 Stop doing that, Bill! You're/You're being very silly.
- 6 I drive/I'm driving! You can sit in the back with Martin.
- 7 What do we eat/are we eating this evening? I'm really hungry!
- 8 You're a great cook! This cake tastes/is tasting wonderful.
- 9 Where do you go/are you going? I haven't finished speaking to you!
- 10 Chemistry is hard. I don't understand/I'm not understanding it.

3

Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Ugh, take it away! I (hate) hate mice!
- 2 Who (you, go) to the match on Saturday with?
- 3 In the winter, what (you, wear) ?
- 4 I can't stand horror films. I (think) they're silly!
- 5 Diana (not, usually, sit) next to Ellen.
- 6 Why (you, look at) me like that?
- 7 Excuse me. (this bus, stop) outside the station?
- 8 I (not take) the bus to school today.

4

Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 What (usually, you, do) do you usually do after school?
- 2 Don't worry about the cat. It (only, eat) once a day.
- 3 I can't work out the answer. (you, know) what it is?
- 4 What's the matter? Why (you, stare) at me like that?
- 5 (you, speak) English? I'm looking for a hotel.
- 6 Elena (stay) with me while her house is being decorated.
- 7 You should go on a diet. (you, put) on weight.
- 8 (they, speak) French or German? I can't tell the difference.

5

Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 While I washed/was washing my hair, the phone rang/ringed.
- 2 How did you felt/did you feel yesterday afternoon?
- 3 When I got/was getting home I received/was receiving a phone call.
- 4 Last summer I was going swimming/went swimming every weekend.
- 5 When the dog bit/was biting Laura's leg, she screamed/was screaming.
- 6 We sang/sung some songs and then ate/eat some sandwiches.
- 7 When you fell/felt over the cliff, what happened/was happening next?
- 8 While Mary washed up/was washing up, she broke/was breaking a cup.
- 9 I didn't see/saw where the bus stop was, so I was missing/missed the bus.
- 10 What did you do/were you doing when I phoned/was phoning you last night?
There was no reply.

6 Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple or past continuous.

- 1 When Harry (wake up) woke up, we (tell) told him the news.
- 2 Everyone (wait) for the concert to begin when a message (arrive)
- 3 Charlotte (want) a relaxing holiday, so she (choose) to stay on a small island.
- 4 When Roberto (study) in America, his parents (phone) him every week.
- 5 I (find) my pen while I (look for) my bag.
- 6 Ann (watch) a film on television when Julie (arrive)
- 7 When the lights (go out), I (lie) in bed reading.
- 8 When you (go) to the new Chinese restaurant, what (you eat) ?

7 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 While I had waited/was waiting/waited at the bus stop, I had noticed/was noticing/noticed a new shop which wasn't/hadn't been in the street the day before.
- 2 I had gone/went out into the garden to fetch my bike, but found/was finding that someone stole/had stolen it.
- 3 When George met/was meeting Diane at the party, he thought/was thinking that he saw/had seen/was seeing her somewhere before.
- 4 Emily got off/was getting off the bus and walked/was walking into the bank when she realized/had realized/was realizing that she left/had left/was leaving her handbag on the bus.
- 5 After I was buying/had bought my new bike, I discovered that it wasn't having/didn't have a security lock.
- 6 I went to the post office to ask about my package, but they had said/said that it still hadn't arrived/didn't arrive.

8

Put each verb given into the past simple, past continuous or past perfect. More than one answer may be possible.



The police suspected that Brian (1) *had broken* (break) the window at his house because he (2) (want) to make them think that a burglar (3) (steal) his valuable stamp collection. They (4) (think) that Brian (5) (do) this because he (6) (need) the money. However, they (7) (not know) that Brian (8) (fly) to Brazil the week before, and (9) (be) abroad when the burglary (10) (take place).

9

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- 1 Michael took a deep breath and dived into the water.
After Michael *had taken* a deep breath, he dived into the water.
- 2 Terry was fatter.
Terry to be so thin.
- 3 Gary was sure his keys were not in his pocket.
Gary was sure he his keys.
- 4 When he was younger David played tennis.
David tennis when he was younger.
- 5 Last summer, Julia got up early every morning.
Last summer, Julia used to early every morning.
- 6 We missed the bus so we took a taxi.
We took a taxi because the bus.
- 7 In those days, we spent the summer in the mountains.
In those days, we the summer in the mountains.

10

Complete each sentence with a time word or phrase from the box.

yet for since often ever never already so far just always

- 1 Luis has lived in the city centre~~since~~..... 1996.
- 2 Thanks for the present! I've wanted a pet goldfish!
- 3 Have you drunk pineapple juice? It's fantastic!
- 4 I've heard some fantastic news! I've passed my exams!
- 5 Hurry up! Haven't you finished ? You're so slow!
- 6 Nina has worked in this company five years.
- 7 I've been on a big ship before. It's an interesting experience!
- 8 We're very busy today. we've sold over a hundred bikes.
- 9 I've passed this building, but this is the first time I've been inside.
- 10 Can I have a different book? I've read this one.

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For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- 1 We started working here three years ago.
We~~ve worked here~~..... for three years.
- 2 This is the first time I've been on a plane.
I on a plane before.
- 3 That's strange! My pen isn't here!
That's strange! disappeared!
- 4 Nicky and Jan aren't at this school any more.
Nicky and Jan this school.
- 5 I saw a friend of yours a few moments ago.
I a friend of yours.
- 6 I'm still reading my notes.
I reading my notes yet.
- 7 Is this your first visit to South America?
Have to South America before?
- 8 Oh no! My wallet is still in the car.
Oh no! I my wallet in the car.
- 9 It's a long time since we spoke to your sister.
We to your sister for a long time.
- 10 Is Anna still asleep?
Has up yet?

12

Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 I live/I've lived here since the end of last year.
- 2 I'm afraid the last train left/has left an hour ago.
- 3 Someone has just stolen/has just been stealing my bicycle.
- 4 Thank you for your offer, but I decided/I've decided not to accept.
- 5 Yesterday I lost/I've lost my wallet.
- 6 Take your umbrella with you. It started/It's started raining.
- 7 We're enjoying our trip. We visited/We've visited two countries so far.
- 8 I'm standing/I've been standing here for hours and I feel tired.
- 9 This was/has been a busy day and it isn't over yet!
- 10 I feel really tired. We went/We've been to a party last night.

13

Put each verb in brackets into either the present perfect, past simple or present simple.

- 1 Last week I (lose) lost my scarf, and now I 've just lost my gloves.
- 2 I (work) for BLC Bank now but I (decide) to change jobs.
- 3 We (be) here for hours. Are you sure we (come) to the right place?
- 4 (you see) my mobile? I'm sure I (leave) it here earlier.
- 5 We (have) some coffee and then (catch) the bus home.
- 6 I (never eat) octopus, but once on holiday I (eat) some squid.
- 7 I (hope) you aren't a vegetarian. I (cook) you some lamb chops.
- 8 Recently a lot of young people (take up) charity work.
- 9 When we (reach) the cinema, there (not be) any tickets left.
- 10 Please come quickly! Nick (have) an accident, and he (go) to hospital.

14

Complete each mini-dialogue by putting the verbs given in brackets into either the present perfect or present perfect continuous.

- 1 A: *Love Actually* is on at the Rex, (you see) have you seen it?
B: No, not yet. Shall we go? I (look forward) 've been looking forward to seeing it for ages.
- 2 A: What's the matter? You look really tired!
B: I am! I (study) all day, and I (not finish) yet.
A: Oh well, time for a break.
- 3 A: I (phone) Carol all day, but there's no reply.
B: I expect she (go) swimming with her friends.
- 4 A: (you hear) the news?
B: What news?
A: Someone (rob) the bank at the end of the road.
- 5 A: Why is your leg in plaster?
B: That's a silly question! I (break) it, of course.
A: Someone (write) 'Give me a break' on the plaster!