

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. When I opened my eyes, I ..... a strange sight.

saw

was seeing

have seen

We use the simple past tense to talk about two quickly finished actions in the past.

2. Every morning she ..... up early and gets ready for work.

is waking

wakes

has woken

We use the simple present tense to talk about habits and routines.

3. If I knew what he wanted, I ..... this.

will not permit

would not permit

would not have permitted

We use the second conditional to talk about imaginary situations. In the second conditional, we use a simple past tense in the if-clause and would + infinitive in the main clause.

4. I ..... anything from her in a long time.

didn't hear

haven't heard

am not hearing

5. The headmaster ..... to talk to you.

want

wants

is wanting

The simple present is used to talk about facts.

6. Jane ..... with her parents.

is living

lives

has lived

We use the simple present to talk about permanent situations.

7. We ..... Greece next month.

visit

will visit

would visit

are visiting

The present continuous tense can be used to talk about future events if the arrangement already exists.

8. The moon ..... around the earth.

is revolving

has revolved

revolves

We use the simple present to talk about facts and general truths.

9. She ..... a novel.

wrote

writes

has written

We use the present perfect here because there is no reference to time.

10. All students ..... in their work.

handed

have handed  
hand

11. I ..... English for twelve years.

am teaching  
have been teaching  
will be teaching

We use the present perfect continuous tense to talk about actions and situations that started in the past and have continued up to the present.

12. The students ..... their dialogues.

rehearse  
are rehearsing  
Either could be used here

We use the present continuous to talk about actions and situations that are going on at the moment of speaking.

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## Answers

1. When I opened my eyes, I saw a strange sight.
2. Every morning she wakes up early and gets ready for work.
3. If I knew what he wanted, I would not permit this.
4. I haven't heard anything from her in a long time.
5. The headmaster wants to talk to you.
6. Jane lives with her parents.
7. We are visiting Greece next month.
8. The moon revolves around the earth.
9. She has written a novel.
10. All students have handed in their work.
11. I have been teaching English for twelve years.

12. The students are rehearsing their dialogues.