




TEM4-Grammar

Tenses



What is the function of the present progressive in “They are always calling me by the wrong name”? (19-19)

- A. To express unfavorable feelings.
- B. To alleviate unnecessary hostility.
- C. To indicate uncertainty.
- D. To dramatize a fact.


■ A

■ We can use the present continuous with adverbs such as *always*, *constantly*, *continually* or *forever* to emphasis that something is done so often that it is characteristic of a person, group or thing. We often use this pattern to indicate disapproval.



The Bent Pyramid outside Cairo _____ ancient Egypt's first attempt to build a smooth-sided pyramid. (18-11)

- A. has been believed to have been
 - B. was believed to be
 - C. is believed to have been
 - D. is believed to be
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- C



U.S. News _____ rankings of colleges since 1983. They are a very popular resource for students looking to apply to a university campus. (18-12)

- A. maintains
 - B. is maintaining
 - C. maintained
 - D. has been maintaining
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- D


“I wondered if I could have a word with you.” The past tense used in the sentence refers to a _____. (17-14)

- A. past event for exact time reference
- B. present event for tentativeness
- C. present event for uncertainty
- D. past event for politeness

■ B


■ tentativeness 试探、犹疑

■ present event for politeness 委婉、礼貌




Timothy Ray Brown, the first man cured of HIV, initially opted against the stem cell transplant that _____ history. (17-17)

- A. could have later made
 - B. should have made later
 - C. might make later
 - D. would later make
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- D
 - the future seen from the past



How can I concentrate if you _____ continually _____ me with silly questions? (16-11; 97-41)

- A. have ... interrupted
 - B. had ... interrupted
 - C. are... interrupting
 - D. were ... interrupting
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- C



Which of the following sentences expresses a future action?
(14-52)


- A. Lucy is continually finding fault with her sister.
- B. We are meeting the visitors after the performance.
- C. The coach is now crossing the Garden Bridge.
- D. I am hoping that you'll give us some advice.

■ B



All the following sentences definitely indicate future time
EXCEPT (13-58)


- A. Mother is to have tea with Aunt Betty at four.
 - B. The school pupils will be home by now.
 - C. The President is coming to the UN next week.
 - D. He is going to e-mail me the necessary information.
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- B



“It seems that she was there at the conference.” The sentence means that (09-62)

- A. she seems to be there at the conference.
- B. she seemed to be there at the conference.
- C. she seems to have been there at the conference.
- D. she seemed to being there at the conference.

■C




In his plays Shakespeare _____ his characters live through their language. (08-63)

- A. would make
 - B. had made
 - C. made
 - D. makes
-
- D


All the President's Men _____ one of the important books for historians who study the Watergate Scandal. (07-52)

- A. remain
 - B. remains
 - C. remained
 - D. is remaining
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- B



Linda was _____ the experiment a month ago, but she changed her mind at the last minute. (07-55)

- A. to start
 - B. to have started
 - C. to be starting
 - D. to have been starting
-
- B



The committee has anticipated the problems that _____ in the road construction project. (07-58)

- A. arise
 - B. will arise
 - C. arose
 - D. have arisen
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- B



The student said there were a few points in the essay he _____ impossible to comprehend. (07-59; 06-55)

- A. has found
 - B. was finding
 - C. had found
 - D. would find
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- C

James has just arrived, but I didn't know he _____ until yesterday. (05-54)

- A. will come
 - B. was coming
 - C. had been coming
 - D. came
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- B

_____ conscious of my moral obligations as a citizen. (05-55)

- A. I was and always will be
 - B. I have to be and always will be
 - C. I had been and always will be
 - D. I have been and always will be
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- D



_____ if I had arrived yesterday without letting you know beforehand? (04-44)

- A. Would you be surprised
 - B. Were you surprised
 - C. Had you been surprised
 - D. Would you have been surprised
-
- A


The Minister of Finance is believed _____ of imposing new taxes to raise extra revenue. (04-48)

- A. that he is thinking
 - B. to be thinking
 - C. that he is to think
 - D. to think
-
- B




Mr. Wells, together with all the members of his family, _____ for Europe this afternoon. (04-51)

- A. are to leave
 - B. are leaving
 - C. is leaving
 - D. leave
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- C




Jack _____ from home for two days now, and I am beginning to worry about his safety. (03-42)

- A. has been missing
 - B. has been missed
 - C. had been missing
 - D. was missed
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- A



For some time now, world leaders _____ out the necessity for agreement on arms reduction. (02-43)


- A. had been pointing
 - B. have been pointing
 - C. were pointing
 - D. pointed
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- B



Mr. White works with a chemicals import & export company, but he _____ for this industrial fair, since he is on leave. (97-44)


- A. has worked
- B. works
- C. has been working
- D. is working

- D



I _____ writing the paper as scheduled, but my mother's illness interfered. I hope you will excuse me. (93-54)

- A. am to have finished
 - B. was to have finished
 - C. was to finish
 - D. ought to finish
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- B



When I arrived at the meeting, the first speaker _____ and the audience _____. (92-47)

- A. had finished speaking, were clapping
 - B. had finished speaking, had clapped
 - C. finished speaking, clapped
 - D. finished speaking, were clapping
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- A