**Unit 1. Tenses**

**Present Forms**

Exercise 1. Underline the correct tense.

1. The plane leaves at four o’clock. We must be at the airport by two o’clock.
2. It is getting colder and colder every day.
3. Have you seen Linda? I have been looking for her for almost an hour.
4. Sam is a very interesting person. He knows all kinds of unusual facts.
5. First, you are heat the oven to a temperature of 180 \*C.
6. Have you heard the news? They have just elected a new club chairman!
7. Martha has found a new job. She is starting next week.
8. The teacher has been correcting essays for three hours.
9. Michael’s car broke down last week, so he is using his father’s car for the time being.
10. It rarely gets very hot in Britain.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer.

1. I met our new boss this morning. — I have met him, too. He’s very nice.
2. Have you ever stayed in in a hotel? — No, but my parents did last summer in Rome.
3. Who is in that new film? — Well, a young actress plays the leading role.
4. Is David at home? — Yes, but he is having a shower at the moment.
5. Why are you so upset? — I have lost my favourite ring.
6. Have you found a house yet? — No. I am staying with my aunt at the moment.

Exercise 3. Put the adverbs of frequency in the correct position.

1. Do you wear sunglasses in winter? — No, I never do.
2. Do you like fishing, Alan? — Yes. I go fishing at weekends sometimes.
3. Do you go to the gym very often? — Yes, I go once a week.
4. How often do you visit your parents? — I visit them every weekend.
5. Do you eat in restaurants very often? — No. I rarely do.
6. Do you like oysters? — I don’t know. I have never eaten oysters.
7. How often do you go on a holiday? — I go on a holiday once a year.
8. When do you read your post? — I usually read it on the way to work.
9. Shall I lock the door? — Of course. You should always lock the door when you go out.
10. You are always breaking things! — I’m sorry, I don’t mean to.

Exercise 4. Identify the tenses, then match them to the correct description.

PS –Present Simple; PC – Present Continuous; PP – Present Perfect; PPC – Present Perfect Continuous.

1. The plane to Sydney leaves at eleven o’clock. (PS) — e) Timetables and programmes.
2. I have written two letters this morning. (PP) — g) Action which has happened within a specific time period which is not over at the moment of speaking.
3. They’re going on holiday on Saturday. (PC) — f) Actions that we have arranged to do in the near future.
4. Graham has known Errol for five years. (PP) — a) Actions which started in the past and continue up to the present.
5. You’re always leaving the door open. (PC) — d) To express criticism and annoyance.
6. We are rehearsing a new play at the moment. (PC) — j) Temporary actions.
7. George has bought a new car. (PP) — h) Action which happened at an unstated time in the past.
8. Lisa has been cleaning the house all morning. (PPC) — c) To put emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present.
9. Look! Alison has dyed her hair! (PP) — b) Action which has recently finished and whose result is visible in the present.
10. More and more people are recycling their rubbish. (PC) — i) Changing or developing situation.

Exercise 5. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

1. Tortoises live to be very old. — I’ve heard of one which is over a hundred years old.
2. Are you still busy? — Yes. I’ve been reading this article for an hour and I still haven’t finished.
3. More and more people are going to university these days. — Yes. I think it’s a good thing.
4. I’m having a party tonight. Do you want to come? — Yes. What time does is start?
5. Why are your shoes wet? — I have washed the car.
6. What’s the matter? — I have broken my ankle.
7. What do I need to do next? — You add the sugar to the mixture and you mix it well.
8. Who has used my car? — I have.
9. Are you new here? — No. Actually, I’ve lived here for almost then years.
10. Pete is playing his music very loud. — Again! He’s always doing that!
11. Have you made plans for Saturday yet? — I am going to the cinema with Jack.
12. Mr. Collins is a very good teacher. — Well, he’s taught Maths for twenty-five years, you know.
13. Are you going to the concert on Saturday night? — Yes. Actually, I’ve already bought the tickets.
14. Hello, Simon. — Oh! We’re always meeting each other in this supermarket.

Exercise 6.

a) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Dear Kathleen.

I 1)’m writing to tell you my news. My school 2) has chosen me to spend six weeks at a school in the USA. I’m very happy about it!

At the moment, I 3) am packing things for my trip, because I 4) am leaving next week. My mother 5) has booked the ticket.

I 6) have been waiting for this opportunity for ages, so I’m very excited. I 7) have finished reading two books about the USA and I 8)’ve borrowed another one from the school library. I 9)’m becoming more and more nervous every day!

Well, I must go now. I’ve got a lot of things to do. I’ll write you from the USA.

Love,

Tracy

b) Which of the present forms in the text above are used to express:

PS –Present Simple; PC – Present Continuous; PP – Present Perfect; PPC – Present Perfect Continuous.

1. Actions which happened at an unstated time in the past. (PP) — 2, 5, 7, 8.
2. Actions which started in the past and continued up to the present with emphasis of duration. (PPC) — 6.
3. Actions happening at or around the moment of speaking. (PC) — 1, 3.
4. Changing and developing situations. (PC) — 9.
5. Actions that we have arranged to do in the near future. (PC) — 4.

Exercise 7. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

1. Why are you smelling the soap? — It smells lovely. It’s like roses!
2. Why are you tasting the soup? — To see if it tastes good. I think it needs more salt.
3. I feel very tired. — You should go to bed early.
4. I am seeing Andy this evening. — I see. So, you don’t want to come to the cinema with me?
5. How much does the bag of apples weigh? — I don’t know yet. The man is weighing the bag right now.
6. I am thinking about buying a new car. — Why? I think your car is fine. You don’t need a new one.
7. What are you looking at? — The sky. It looks as if it’s going to rain.
8. I really enjoy home-made food. — So do I, and I am enjoying every bit of this meal.
9. Why are you feeling the radiator? — It feels cold in here. Is the heating on?
10. That famous opera singer is appearing at the opera house tonight. — Yes. He appears to be feeling better after his operation.
11. Chris is a sensible person, isn’t he? — Yes, but in this case he is being rather foolish.
12. My dad is fitting the old blind from the living room in my bedroom today. — Really? Does it fit that window?
13. My back hurts. — Why don’t you lie down for a while?

Exercise 8. Fill the gaps with *have/has been (to)* or *have/has gone (to)*.

1. Hello, Jim! Have you seen Mum? — Yes. She has gone to the shops. She’ll be back soon.
2. Where have you been today? — I have been to the cinema.
3. Shall we go on a picnic this weekend? — Oh, yes! I have not been on a picnic for ages.
4. I’m going to India this year. — I have never been to India. — Really? I have been there twice before.
5. Where are the children? — The have gone to the park to play football. — Has Dad gone with them? — Of course. Don’t worry.

Exercise 9. Underline the correct word in bold.

1. I always do the housework on Saturdays.
2. We haven’t booked our summer holiday yet.
3. My brother has just joined the football club.
4. Linda has already bought a new dress for the party.
5. Have you ever tasted Japanese food?
6. Joe has been in Paris for two weeks.
7. I have never seen this film before.
8. The secretary has typed twenty letters so far this morning.
9. I have been working here since July.
10. The Taylors have moved house recently.
11. They still haven’t employed a new supervisor.

Exercise 10. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

1. Linda is learning to drive at the moment. — I know. She told me last week.
2. Has Alan got a job? — Oh yes. He is the manager of a leisure centre.
3. Do you want to have a break now? — Not yet. I am writing a report for tomorrow’s meeting.
4. It’s ten o’clock. Have you given the manager his letters? — Yes, and I have also typed six reports so far this morning.
5. Is Jeff still in the garden? — Yes. He has been planting flowers all afternoon.
6. That author is very well-known, isn’t he? — Yes. She has written twenty novels so far.
7. You look very happy today. — I an. I’ve just heard some good news.
8. What time does the play start tonight? — Seven o’clock, I think.
9. Are you new to this company? — Not really. In fact, I’ve worked here for almost two years.
10. Are you ready for the concert? — Yes. I’ve been practicing for weeks.
11. Do you do any exercise at all? — Yes. Actually, I go swimming three times a week.