

Introduction

Exercise 1.A: Fill in the blanks with the correct alternatives given in brackets and indicate whether the sentences indicate past, present or future action.

1. Ahmed _____ the beach when I spotted the shark.
(has reached/will reach/had reached)
2. My parents _____ a new study table for me.
(is buying/has bought/have bought)
3. The mechanic _____ my father's scooter by next Monday. (has repaired/will have repaired/repairs)
4. The girls _____ a surprise party for their parents last Sunday. (will throw/has thrown/threw)
5. The concert _____ at 7 o'clock tonight. (began/will begin/begins)
6. Mother _____ for me at the station tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. (waited/waits/will be waiting)
7. The Girdhars _____ most of South India during these December holidays. (are touring/tour/has toured)
8. Every year, the heavy rains _____ the walls of the old house. (damaged/damage/will damage)
9. Daddy _____ to cook a new Italian dish right now. (tried/was trying/is trying)
10. As the roof _____ very badly, we decided to shift into another room. (had leaked/was leaking/will have leaked)
11. Virendar _____ scuba diving during the next summer vacations. (learned/learns/will learn)
12. Look at the man who _____ a worm to his fishing hook. (was attaching/will attach/is attaching)

Present Tense

Exercise 2.A: Match the proverbs in column A with the meanings in column B.

Exercise 2.B: Fill in the blanks with the right form (simple present or present continuous) of the verbs given in brackets.

1. Mr Garg rarely _____ (wear) a tie, but today he _____ (wear) one.
2. I usually _____ (walk) to school, but today I _____ (go) by car.
3. The baby has got up and _____ (cry). Perhaps he _____ (want) some milk.
4. My head _____ (ache). Please, _____ (make) me some coffee.
5. The spectators _____ (shout) and _____ (cheer). They _____ (want) their team to win.
6. Come quickly! _____ (help) me! The parcels _____ (slip) from my hands.
7. Someone _____ (ring) the doorbell. Mamta, please go and _____ (open) the door. Mummy _____ (sleep) in the room and Lalit _____ (clean) his cycle.
8. What _____ Mohit _____ (do)? He _____ (bake) a carrot cake. He _____ (be) very fond of trying out new dishes.

Exercise 2.D: Fill in the blanks with present perfect tense or the present perfect continuous tense of the verb given in brackets.

1. Jagdish _____ (solve) this problem for a couple of hours but he _____ not (solve) it yet.
2. My friend _____ (buy) a new computer, I _____ (wait) to see it for some days.
3. The doctors _____ (try) to revive the patient but they _____ (not succeed) so far.
4. The workers _____ (paint) the furniture since ten in the morning, but they _____ (not finish) it yet.
5. Mummy _____ (prepare) lunch for the guests since eight o'clock.
6. We _____ (learn) Spanish for two years.
7. I _____ (wait) for you for the past two hours.
8. Raj _____ (play) with my bat all day. Now he _____ (break) it.
9. My grandparents _____ (always live) in a village. They may not feel comfortable with city life.
10. The boys _____ (play) cricket since morning. They _____ (not come) home for lunch.

Past Tense

Exercise 3.A: Fill in the appropriate past tense form of the verbs given in brackets.

1. Santosh _____ (work) in this office for twenty-five years before she _____ (retire).
2. The baby _____ (weep) for almost an hour when his mother _____ (come) back.
3. The residents of the colony _____ (manage) without water for some days when the corporation _____ (send) tankers of water for them.
4. Sunita _____ (wait) for her friend for over an hour before she _____. (come)
5. I wish Kunal _____ (join) the Indian Air Force.
6. The farmers _____ (plough) their fields by the end of the day.
7. Indrani _____ (learn) computer before she _____ (join) the office. She _____ (attend) the classes for three months before she _____ (pass) the test. Now, she is very confident and efficient working on the computer.