

Vocabulary

Character adjectives

1 Match character adjectives a–j with meanings 1–10.

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| a mature | 1 curious |
| b decisive | 2 outgoing |
| c motivated | 3 adult |
| d sensitive | 4 aiming high |
| e inquisitive | 5 keen |
| f ambitious | 6 withdrawn |
| g independent | 7 wanting to do things well |
| h conscientious | 8 self-reliant |
| i introvert | 9 firm |
| j extrovert | 10 aware of people's feelings |

2 Which of the adjectives in 1 are generally positive and which negative? Give examples.

3 Use these adjectives to complete sentences a–e below. More than one answer may be possible.

■ genuine	honest	realistic
real	unreliable	truthful

- a When someone asks you for your opinion, think very carefully before responding.
- b I'm not sure how Tom is. Sometimes I think he's not all he pretends to be.
- c We must aim high but at the same time be about what we can achieve.
- d It's no good depending on Janet. She's the most person I know.
- e I'm often asked in interviews to describe the me but I'm not sure I actually want everyone to know what I'm like deep down.

Answers

1.

a 3 b 9 c 5 d 10 e 1 f 4 g 8 h 7 i 6 j 2

2.

Suggested answers

+	+/-	-
mature	sensitive	introvert
decisive	ambitious	
motivated	inquisitive	
conscientious		
extrovert		
independent		

3 Key

a honest/truthful	d unreliable
b genuine	e real
c realistic/honest	

Grammar

Review of tenses GR p165–168

1 Match the verb forms in the sentences below with these tenses.

Present Simple	Present Perfect Continuous
Present Continuous	Past Simple
Future Simple	Past Continuous
Future Continuous	Past Perfect Simple
Present Perfect Simple	Past Perfect Continuous

- a Since I moved here, *I've been learning* to drive.
Since I moved here, *I've learnt* to drive.
- b Carla's *playing* the guitar very well.
Carla *plays* the guitar very well.
- c It *started* raining when I left the house.
It *had started* raining when I left the house.
- d I'll *be getting* the dinner ready when you arrive.
I'll *get* the dinner ready when you arrive.
- e When we got to her house, she *cried*.
When we got to her house, she'd *been crying*.
- f My brother *always tells* me what to do.
My brother's *always telling* me what to do.
- g We *were having* a party when my sister announced her engagement.
We *had* a party when my sister announced her engagement.

2 Explain the difference in meaning between the pairs of sentences in 1.

3 Complete sentences a–i using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a His back was aching because he (dig) in the garden all day.
- b (your father/work) abroad at present?
- c Maria left college early today because she (have) a dental appointment an hour ago.
- d As soon as it stops raining, we (take) the dog for a walk.
- e My neighbour couldn't stop because his bus (leave) and he didn't want to miss it.
- f For the past six weeks, I (have) singing lessons.
- g I can't phone you at that time because I (travel) on the underground.
- h The photocopy machine (break down) twice already and it's not even lunchtime!
- i As a rule, we (spend) part of each summer at my parents' house.

4 Correct any verbs in a–h which are not normally used in a continuous form.

- a These gloves aren't mine – are they belonging to you?
- b My girlfriend doesn't like perfumes that are smelling of flowers – she prefers something more exotic.
- c Our teacher said we were all deserving a great deal of praise for our exam results.
- d Are you thinking what I'm thinking – that this new outfit just doesn't suit me?
- e I've always been hating getting up early in the morning, even in the summer.
- f This manual is containing all the information you need to run your new computer software.
- g At the moment I feel that you really aren't putting in as much effort as you could with your studies.
- h The hockey club we're belonging to is always on the lookout for new players.

5 Say which of these verbs are a) never used in a continuous form, or b) can be used in a continuous form but with a change in meaning.

like	believe	know	remind
detest	hear	understand	belong
contain	taste	prefer	mean

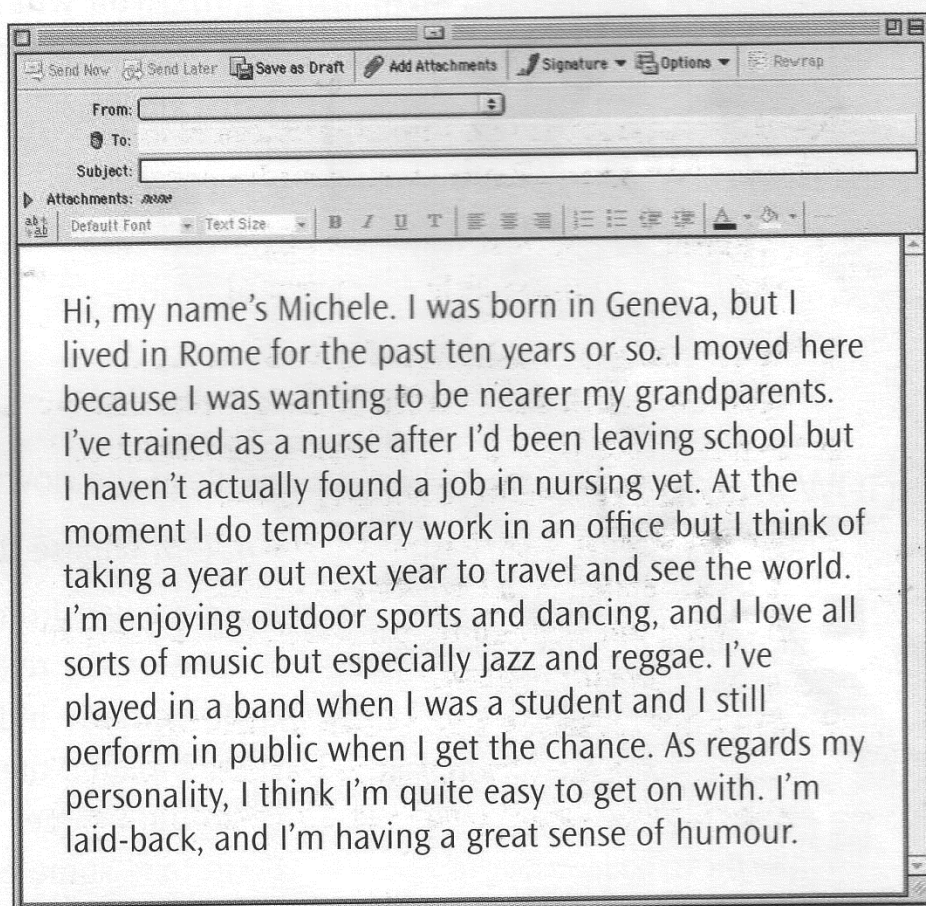
6 Match a–j with a suitable ending from 1–10 and explain how the verb tense changes the meaning.

- a My favourite actor is appearing ...
 - b I'm afraid the video appears ...
 - c The manager is having ...
 - d Celine has ...
 - e Everyone thinks ...
 - f She's thinking ...
 - g Working as a wildlife guide really appeals ...
 - h Our local school is appealing ...
 - i I am seeing ...
 - j I see ...
- 1 ... a career adviser tomorrow to get advice on working in IT.
 - 2 ... a lot of experience in working with children.
 - 3 ... a meeting to discuss the new proposal.
 - 4 ... for funds for a new building.
 - 5 ... in a new musical in London's West End.
 - 6 ... Jose will get the job.
 - 7 ... of buying a car in the near future.
 - 8 ... to be broken.
 - 9 ... to me.
 - 10 ... nothing but fields when I look out of my bedroom window.

7 Complete sentences a–e with the correct form of the verb.

- a If you (feel) that I'm being unreasonable, please say so.
- b Sandra (smell) the blossom on her cherry tree when she was stung by a bee.
- c Even though you've explained it three times now, I still (not see) what you mean.
- d Since I was a young boy, I (have) a fear of heights.
- e (you/think) you could give me a hand lifting this equipment?

8 Read this extract from an email which was sent to an online penfriend agency, and correct any errors in tenses.



The screenshot shows an email composition window with a toolbar at the top containing buttons for 'Send Now', 'Send Later', 'Save as Draft', 'Add Attachments', 'Signature', 'Options', and 'Reply'. Below the toolbar are fields for 'From:', 'To:', and 'Subject:'. The main text area contains the following paragraph:

Hi, my name's Michele. I was born in Geneva, but I lived in Rome for the past ten years or so. I moved here because I was wanting to be nearer my grandparents. I've trained as a nurse after I'd been leaving school but I haven't actually found a job in nursing yet. At the moment I do temporary work in an office but I think of taking a year out next year to travel and see the world. I'm enjoying outdoor sports and dancing, and I love all sorts of music but especially jazz and reggae. I've played in a band when I was a student and I still perform in public when I get the chance. As regards my personality, I think I'm quite easy to get on with. I'm laid-back, and I'm having a great sense of humour.

Answers

1 Key

- a present perfect continuous, present perfect simple
- b present continuous, present simple
- c past simple, past perfect simple
- d future continuous, future simple
- e past simple, past perfect continuous
- f present simple, present continuous
- g past continuous, past simple

2.

Key

- a In the first sentence, the speaker is still learning to drive but in the second sentence, the speaker has finished learning and can now drive.
- b In the first sentence, Carla is playing the guitar at the time of speaking. In the second sentence, the action is a general truth.
- c In the first sentence, it started raining at the same time as I left the house. In the second sentence, it was already raining when I left.
- d In the first sentence, the speaker will already be preparing the meal when the other person arrives. In the second sentence, the speaker will prepare the meal after the person arrives.
- e In the first sentence, the person cried at the moment when the others arrived at the house. In the second sentence, the person had been crying before the others arrived.
- f In the first sentence the speaker is explaining a fact. In the second sentence the speaker is emphasising that the action is continuous and is probably expressing annoyance.
- g In the first sentence, the party was already happening when she made the announcement. In the second sentence, they had a party as a result of the announcement.

3 Key

- a had been digging
- b Is your father working ... ?
- c had
- d will take
- e was leaving
- f have been having
- g will be travelling
- h has broken down
- i spend

4.

Key	
a Do they belong ... ?	e hated
b smell	f contains
c deserve	g ✓
d ✓	h belong

5.

Key	
a like	hear
believe	understand
know	belong
remind	contain
detest	prefer
b taste	
'This food tastes delicious!' (have a good flavour)	
'I'm just tasting the soup to see if it has enough salt.' (try)	
mean	
'We don't know what it means.'	
(represent/signify)	
'I've been meaning to phone you but I haven't had time.' (intend)	

6 Key

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| a 5 (taking part in) | f 7 (considering) |
| b 8 (seems to be) | g 9 (interests) |
| c 3 (holding/attending) | h 4 (asking for) |
| d 2 (possesses) | i 1 (meeting) |
| e 6 (believes) | j 10 (observe) |

7 Key

- a feel
- b was smelling
- c don't see
- d have had
- e Do you think ... ?