**UNIT 1. GRAMMAR: PRESENT TENSES. EXERCISES 2.**

**1. Choose the correct word or phrase.**

1. Elizabeth usually **goes / is usually going** to bed at around 11 o’clock.
2. Dan **talks / is talking** on the other phone right now.
3. We **don’t eat / aren’t eating** any meat at the moment as we’re on a diet.
4. ***Does* air travel get / Is air travel getting** increasingly safe?
5. My mum calls **/ is calling** me every weekend without fail.
6. How much **do babysitters generally earn / are babysitters generally earning**?
7. **You always come / You’re always coming** up with excuses for not having done your homework. It’s so annoying.
8. I don’t go / I’m not going out much during the week **but I always try / I’m always trying** to go out somewhere on Saturday night.
9. No, the train **stops / is stopping** at Cirencester on Saturdays.
10. My mum **takes / is taking** part in ice-skating competitions almost every weekend.

**2. Complete using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. It’s the first time \_\_\_\_**I’ve ever eaten**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(I / ever / eat)** octopus.
2. Sandy \_\_\_\_\_**hasn’t seen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(not / see)** his sister since she went to university.
3. They **\_\_\_\_have gone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(go)** on holiday to Spain and won’t be back until the end of the month.
4. Poor Tracy! She \_\_\_**has been writing**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(write)** that the essay for hours now and she still hasn’t finished.
5. \_\_\_**Have you ever met\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(you / ever / meet)** anyone famous?
6. **I haven’t finished** **(I / not finished)** the book yet so I can’t tell you what happens.
7. \_\_\_\_**Have you already decided\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(you / already / decide)** where you’re going this summer?
8. \_\_\_**We’ve been living**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(we / live)** here for the last six months.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_**I’ve never heard\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(I / never / hear)** such nonsense!

**3. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Ian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a shower at the moment, so could you call back in about half an hour?
   1. Takes
   2. **Is taking**
   3. Has taken
   4. Has been taking
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Dublin before?
   1. Do you ever go
   2. Are you ever going
   3. **Have you ever been**
   4. Have you ever been going
3. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all the local newspapers and TV stations to complain.
   1. Already write
   2. Already writing
   3. **Have already written**
   4. Have already been writing
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV for the last four hours? Turn it off and get some exercise!
   1. Do you watch
   2. Are you watching
   3. Watched you
   4. **Have you been watching**
5. Eric, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hockey competitively or just for fun?
   1. **Do you usually play**
   2. Are you usually playing
   3. Have you usually played
   4. Have you usually been playing
6. That’s the first time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an answer right today!
   1. I get
   2. I am getting
   3. **I have got**
   4. I have been getting
7. Jessica has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left, I’m afraid.
   1. **Already**
   2. Yet
   3. Still
   4. Never
8. Dan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the living room while we’re redecorating his bedroom.
   1. Sleeps
   2. **Is sleeping**
   3. Has slept
   4. Does sleep
9. Unfortunately, Simone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a day off very often.
   1. **Doesn’t get**
   2. Isn’t getting
   3. Hasn’t got
   4. Hasn’t been getting
10. Actually, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea first thing every morning but then I switch to coffee.
    1. **Do drink**
    2. Am drinking
    3. Have drunk
    4. Have been drinking

**4. Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.**

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| Be | Disagree | Do | Include | Know |
| Look | See | Seem | Understand |  |

**Ancient Aviator?**

Everyone (1) **\_\_\_\_knows\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that humans have been flying for only a few hundred years. But (2) \_\_\_\_\_**is\_\_\_\_**\_ it possible that ancient civilizations also had the ability and technology to fly?

In the Nazcan Desert in southern Peru, there are hundreds of lines which an ancient culture drew in the dust. On the ground, they just (3) **\_\_\_\_\_\_look\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** like straight lines. But when you (4) **\_\_\_\_\_see\_\_\_\_** them from the air, you (5) **\_\_\_understand**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exactly what they are. They are incredible and enormous pictures. The pictures (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_**include**\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals, birds and symbols.

One bizarre theory, which most mainstream scientists (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_**disagree**\_\_\_\_ with, is that the people who made the lines thousands and thousands of years ago flew above the lines in balloons. It (8)\_\_\_**seems**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ incredible, but a few people (9) **\_\_\_\_do\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** believe it’s possible.

**5.** **Find the extra word in each line.**

**International Friends**

I’ve been **to** travelling round Europe all summer, It’s the first time I’ve

ever been going abroad, and I’ve had a fantastic time! I’ve seen

loads of interesting places and I **have to** also made loads of new friends.

I’ve been **decided** to stay in touch with them now I’m back. One of

them, Giselle, is French. She was **making** on holiday too. We now send

text messages **are** to each other all the time. They’re usually in English

because my French isn’t very good! I’m planning to have visit her in

France next year sometime. I hope I can. I **am** love meeting people from

other countries! I want to have had lots of friends from **all other** the world!

Travelling certainly broadens the mind but it also **is** broadens your circle of friends.

**6. Complete the second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.**

1. What’ the price of the tickets, Jimmy? **Much**

How much are the , Jimmy?

1. Are these your trainers? **To**

Do these trainers belong to you?

1. Mary’s not keen on team sports at all. **Like**

Mary doesn’t like team sports at all.

1. It’s only her second time in a recording studio. **Been**

She only been in a recording studio once before.

1. We got here three hours ago. **Been**

We have been for three hours.

1. I started writing this hours ago and it’s still not right. **Writing**

I ve been writing hours and it’s still not right.

1. This is my first experience flying alone. **Time**

It is the first I ve flown alone.

1. Peter’s in the bath at the moment. **A**

Peter is having a bath at the moment.