

Fill in Present Simple or Continuous.

- 1 A: I(think) about visiting Jane this afternoon.
B: I wouldn't bother. I(think) she's away on holiday.
- 2 A: Mr Jones(have) a telephone message from his wife.
B: Can it wait? He(have) a business meeting and I don't want to disturb him.
- 3 A: The police.....(still/look) for fingerprints left in the room.
B: It.....(look) as if they won't find the criminal.
- 4 A: I.....(love) breathing in clean, country air!
B: So do I. I..... (love) every minute of this walking trip.
- 5 A: I.....(see) my boss about a pay rise this afternoon.
B: I.....(see). That's why you're wearing a suit and tie.
- 6 A: Why(you/taste) the soup? Is there anything wrong with it?
B: Yes – it.....(taste) too sweet. I think I've used sugar instead of salt.
- 7 A: Why.....(you/feel) the baby's forehead, Mum?
B: I think she's got a temperature. She.....(feel) rather hot.
- 8 A: John(be) a very rude person, you know.
B: I know. Sheila.....(be) very rude these days too, although she's usually polite.
- 9 A: It.....(look) as if it's going to rain this afternoon.
B: I know. I.....(look) for my umbrella to take out with me.
- 10 A: Why.....(you/smell) the inside of your car?
B: Because it.....(smell) of petrol and I want to check for leaks.
- 11 A: How much.....(your new baby/weigh)?
B: I don't know yet. The nurse.....(weigh) him at the moment.

Ted: Hello Dad, I am in Birmingham. It.....(pour) with rain, and I.....(not/have got) any money.

Bob: What(you/want) me to do about it?

Ted: Could you come and pick me up?

Bob: Ted, you.....(always/ask) me to do this! I..... (get) tired of it.

Ted: Please, Dad. I am tired and hungry. My evening classes.....(start) at 7.00 and I have to be there on time. Can't Mum come and get me?

Bob: The Smiths.....(visit) us tonight and she is busy in the kitchen. She.....(bake) a cake at the moment.

Ted: Please Dad. I(ask) you to do this for me one last time. The success of my presentation tonight.....(depend) on you.

Bob: OK. I'll be there in half an hour. But this is the last time. I.....(mean) it!

Fill in: yet, already, since, for, usually, tonight, how long, ever, at the moment or still.

I don't think Frank has.....been to a live concert. Why don't we take him to one for his birthday?

I haven't seen LouiseJeff's wedding. I wonder what's happened to her.

I don't know.....Jack's been working on that project, but it seems like weeks.

Mr Louis hasn't rung me back about the contract.....

We're meeting some friends for a meal..... . Would you like to come along?

Pam has finished her test and I've only done half of mine.

Patrick.....gets to school at eight o'clock sharp, but it's half past and he hasn't arrived yet.

Are you..... reading that book, or you have started another one?

I'm trying to finish clearing up..... . Can you ring back later?

My neighbour has lived in that house..... nearly 60 years.

Fill in: since or for.

David Jones has been working for the same company.....20 years. He has been a supervisor.....1991 and he quite likes the work, but he has been thinking about changing jobs.....he discovered that he has a real talent for garden design. He has been studying garden design part-time.....two years andlast month he has been preparing for his final examination. David has been interested in gardeninghe was a child and he has known.....years that his present job was not the best one for him. He has been much happier..... he started the course and..... weeks he has been looking forward to the tour that his college organised. David started the course, his wife has become interested as well and now they are talking about setting up a business together.

Fill in Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to apply for the position of Sports Editor at your newspaper. I(work) as a reporter on «The Morning Globe» for eight years, and.....(write) about every mayor sporting event in England in that time. I.....(also/make) several important contacts within the sporting world such as football managers and racehorse trainers, who.....(be) of great help to me in my career. The editor of »The World«.....(recently/offer) me the post of Senior Sports Reporter, but as I.....(never/really/like) the newspaper I think I will turn it down. However, I.....(read) your newspaper since I was a young boy and I(always/admire) it. I.....(wait) for an opportunity like this to turn up all my working life. My editor.....(agreed) to give me time to attend an interview should you wish to meet me.

Yours

faithfully,

Fill in the appropriate past form.

In 1894 a steamship(sail) across the Atlantic Ocean from England to America. The sun.....(shine) and a gentle breeze..... (blow). The ship.....(sail) for three weeks and was halfway to its destination-New York. The passengers.....(relax) on deck when suddenly they.....(hear) a loud bang. They all.....(jump) up, (run) to the edge of the boat and.....(look) over the side. To their horror they saw that they.....(hit) some hard object which(tear) a hole in the side of the ship. Water.....(pour) into the steamship at an alarming speed. Fortunately another ship arrived half an hour later, just in time to save everyone on board.

Fill in Past Simple or Continuous.

Simon.....(walk) home from work the other day when he (notice) something shining on the pavement on the other side of the road. A car..... (come) down the street, so he waited until it had driven past, then he..... (cross) over. When he(get) to the other side he saw that it was a shiny gold coin! He.....(look) around to make sure no one..... (look), then he.....(bend) down to pick it up. Imagine his surprise when he.....(not/can) move it! He(be) just about to give up when he.....(hear) a strange sound behind him. Someone.....(laugh) at him, but he couldn't see who it(be). Two little boys.....(hide) behind a hedge, laughing at anyone who tried to pick up the coin they had stuck to the pavement with glue!

Fill in Present Perfect or Past Simple.

.....(you see) the Bruce Lee film on TV last night?
No. But I.....(see) all of his films in video already this year.

I.....(live in Germany for five years now. I.....(move) here in 1989.
I.....(live) in Portugal for a time, but I live in Rome now.

My uncle Tom.....(meet) Winston Churchill.
That's nothing! My mum.....(meet) Prince Charles.

Where's Jane?
She.....(go) to America. She.....(leave) last week.
Really? Why.....(she/go) there?

My father.....(work) in that shop for twelve years. Then he..... (get) a job in a bank.
He.....(work) at the bank for quite a few years now, hasn't he?

How long.....(you/learn) Italian?
I.....(start) learning the language when I.....(be) twelve.

I.....(not check) the list yet.
She(fall) off the horse several times.
We.....already.....(congratulate) him.
Hejust.....(make) me a compliment.
You(not change) since I last met you.
.....you.....(sharpen) the pencil?
She.....already.....(shorten) her skirt.
Why.....you.....(not do) your homework?
I.....never.....(shoot) a man before.
They(deepen) the swimming pool recently.

How many times.....you.....(hear) those words before?
What.....you.....(see) when you(be) in Vienna?
I.....(be) really sorry when I.....(hear) about you and Tim. How
long..... you (be) divorced now?
.....they.....(turn up) yet?
When.....she.....(graduate)?
I.....just.....(meet) an amazing person.
His words.....(turn up) to be a lie. He.....(be) a perfect liar.
Sully(put down) his suitcases and.....(go in).
Nobody.....(be) at home. Only a dog in the backyard.....
(bark) once or twice. He.....(know) his family had moved away.
I.....(meet) Greta last week, but I.....(not see) her today.
.....your mother.....(invest) much money in this project so far?

Theyjust.....(deliver) some new articles.you
already(see) them?
They.....(not send) the phone bill yet.
She.....always.....(dislike) her older brother.
.....the bar tender.....(mix) the cocktail yet. Yes, he
.....(do) it a few minutes ago.
She.....(study) in France from 1994 to 1999.
The telephone.....(ring) while we.....(be) in the cellar
so we(not can) hear it.
Why.....you.....(pretend) you.....(not know)
me when we(meet) last week?
How long.....they.....(be) engaged?
I.....(not drink) wine since I.....(be) ill.
He.....(not be) well since the accident.....(happen).

Nothing.....(be) the same since Mary.....(die).
I see, you.....(buy) a typewriter. How much..... it(cost)?
It.....(be) very cold lately. it.....(snow) yet?
I.....(cope) with so many problems recently.
She.....(not smoke) a cigarette for months.
.....the children already.....(go) to bed? No, they.....
(go) to the cinema a few minutes ago.
What.....(cause) such a chaos here?.....you.....(do)
All this mess?

At what age.....you.....(start) cycling? Well, I(join) the club when I.....(be) fifteen.

I.....(say) such things before.

The company I worked for.....(offer) me the opportunity of working but I.....(refuse).

I.....(ask) her three times to move her car, but she still..... (not do) it.

Robert.....(threaten) to kill his wife because she was going out with someone else.

What.....you.....(advise) at the last meeting? I.....(tell) them to sign the contract.

She.....(want) to know what the time.....(be), but I..... (not have) a watch so I.....(not can) tell her the time.

You still.....(not fulfil) your promises.

I.....(lie) to you several times and you.....always(believe) me.

I.....(show) her the letter when she.....(arrive).

She.....(write) seven applications, but she still..... (not get) a job.

We.....already.....(do) everything and(show) him your photography, but he can't remember you. He.....(lose) his memory in an accident.

At first I.....(not know) what to do, but then I.....(try) to reach the phone. It.....(not work) so I(have to) drive away and look for some help.

Her heart(stop) during the operation. They.....(not can) help her. She.....(be) too weak to survive.

They.....(transplant) his heart two days ago. We still..... (not get) the results of his blood examinations, but the patient.....(have) a fever since the operation.

I.....(write) letters to my penfriend for weeks and I.....only(receive) one from him so far.

She.....(drive) for years and she.....never(have) an accident.

How long.....you.....(attend) this course? For about four months.

.....you already.....(find) this way before?

He.....(let) her down a few times.

They.....(discuss) this topic since this morning, but they(not reach) any conclusions yet.

She.....(criticize) her son since he was born.

.....the teacher.....(punish) the pupil yet?

They.....(postpone) every meeting so far.

My wife.....(be) dead for five years now.

They.....(not publish) his poems yet.

What.....you just.....(invent)? I don't believe you a word.

We.....(observe) a rhino for five minutes and it..... (not move yet).

What.....you.....(hide) in your hand all the time?

The pyramids.....(keep) the secrets of the ancient world for thousands of years.

Ijust.....(step) on a nail.

Wealready.....(thank) him for his hospitality.

Wendy.....(look forward) to meeting her friends again. She (not be) at home for several years.

How long.....you.....(paint) this portrait? I..... just.....(start) it.

She.....(expect) them for weeks, but they still..... (not appear).

We.....(try) to find him for a few hours.

I.....(observe) him for a few minutes.

.....you already.....(move) your things to your new flat?

He.....just.....(discover) something fantastic.

I.....(translate) this letter for an hour.

She..... never.....(believe) him.

My parents.....(look for) a new flat for a few months.

.....you ever(eat) such tasty food?

They(entertain) people here for years.

He.....(tell) jokes for a few hours.

We.....(try) a similar thing before.

I.....(attend) this course for two months.

Peter.....run) for an hour.

.....you.....(hear) this before?

I.....(look for) my brothers.you(see) them?

He.....(join) the army recently.

I.....never.....(see) Niagara Falls.

She.....(nix uop) everything. Let's explain it to her again.

I.....always.....(regret) not being with you.

I.....(do) everything to please you.

She.....(polish) the kitchen for an hour.

She.....(dance) since she came here.

I.....(paint) for years and Inever.....(sell) a painting.

Barabara.....already.....(hear) that song.

.....they.....(organize) a party yet?

A minibus.....just.....(pass by).

They.....(load) the truck for two days.

.....you.....(pay) for the ride?

They.....(sail) since they bought a sailing boat.