

Tenses Revision

Put the verbs in brackets in a suitable tense.

Present tenses (Present Simple/ Present Continuous/Present Perfect Simple/Present Perfect Continuous)

I.

The number of women working in the UK (rise)_____ steadily for several decades. In the mid-1960s, around 42% of women of working age were in employment; in the late 1990s, this number increased to nearly 70%. Today, women actually (overtake)_____ men in the job market – men never (be)_____ in such a position before and it now (appear)_____ to be affecting the way they (view)_____ their role in life.

This phenomenon (spread)_____ rapidly around the world. The number of working women in the labour force in China (increase)_____ from 49% in 1990 to 65% today. At the other extreme, only about 10% of women in Iraq and Saudi Arabia currently (work)_____.

Although their number (increase)_____, only 3% of the directors of the UK's top 1,500 companies are female. Moreover, despite the fact that women (make)_____ progress in areas such as child-care and increased flexibility in working hours, they still (face)_____ strong discrimination. Tina Knight, who (has)_____ various jobs in industry and is now chair of Women Into Business, currently (lobby)_____ Parliament on these issues. „One big mistake that successful women (make)_____,“ says Tina, „is to try to shut men out. We have to work alongside each other.“

II.

1. This film (be)_____ great! It (have)_____ an all-star cast and the script (be)_____ very funny. The action (begin)_____ when two young men (try)_____ to rob a bank...
2. A sports commentary: McFee (pass)_____ to Franklyn. Franklyn (make)_____ a quick pass to Booth. Booth is away with the ball, but he (lose)_____ his advantage.
3. So that's how it happened: I (drive)_____ along this country road and I'm completely lost. Then I (see)_____ this old fellow. He (lean)_____ against a gate. I (stop)_____ the car and (ask)_____ him the way. He (think)_____ a bit, then (say)_____, „Well, if I were you, I wouldn't start from here.“
4. I (not understand)_____ why he (be)_____ so selfish, he (not be)_____ usually like this.
5. How much money she (owe)_____ you?
6. These days, it (seem)_____ everything (change)_____. Cities (become)_____ bigger and busier every day and technology (develop)_____ faster than ever before.
7. „I've left the lights on again.“ „Typical! You always (leave)_____ the lights on.“
8. Jack (be)_____ very nice to me at the moment; I wonder why.
9. There (go)_____ our bus – we'll have to wait for the next one.
10. „How I (get)_____ to the station?“ „You (go)_____ straight on to the traffic lights, then you (turn)_____ left.

11. Normally I (finish)_____ work at 5:00, but this week I (leave)_____ work at 7:00 so as to be ready with my project till Monday.

Future forms (+ present tenses with future reference)

I.

`Jack and I (go)_____ out tonight. We (have)_____ dinner at the Festival Hall and we probably(go)_____ to a concert afterwards.`

`And what about your children? I (come)_____ and babysit?`

`Oh, my neighbour (come)_____ in to sit with them. But thanks for offering, I (ask)_____ you next time.`

`Please, do. So this time tomorrow you (eat)_____ with the Prime Minister. You (tell)_____ me all about it when we (meet)_____ next time?`

`Well, I can tell you now; tomorrow we (meet)_____ him 8 times for dinner. But what about you? What you (do)_____ tonight?`

`I don't know. I think I (read)_____ "Pride and Prejudice".`

`But you've read it hundreds of times!`

`I haven't read it all even once, though I admit, by next week I (read)_____ it for 2 years now.

II.

1. `It's cold in here.`

`You're right. I (close)_____ the window.`

2. `Jerry (come)_____ to the theatre with us next week?`

`I don't know, but I (see)_____ him at football training tomorrow. I (ask)_____ Him then.`

3. Excuse me, what time train (leave)_____?

4. I (throw)_____ a house-warming party tomorrow. You (come)_____?

5. While you (be)_____ in the gym, I (do)_____ the shopping.

6. `We (go)_____ to the beach at the weekend?`

`Well, I (work)_____ Saturday morning, but I (phone)_____ you when I (finish)_____

7. `I (see)_____ Roger at 7 tonight. And you?`

`I (go)_____ to the cinema. Do you want to come with me?`

`What time it (start)_____?`

8. I haven't made the preparations for the party yet, but I (finish)_____ them by this evening.

9. Tom expects he (get)_____ a pay-rise soon. By next month he (work)_____

for the company for 5 years.

10. Everything is prepared for my mother's arrival. I hope she (like)_____ the flowers, too.

Present Perfect and Past

I.

1. Peter (try)_____ to come in quietly but his mother (hear)_____ him and (call)_____ out, 'Where you (be)_____? Your supper (be)_____ in the oven for an hour!'

2. 'I just (buy)_____ a copy of "David Copperfield". You (read)_____ it?'

'As it happens it's the only one of Dicken's books that I (not read)_____. But I (see)_____ the film last year.'

3. 'You (see)_____ Philip lately? I (ring)_____ his flat several times last week but (get)_____ no answer.'

'Oh, he (be)_____ in America for the last month. He (fly)_____ out on the first for a conference and then (decide)_____ to stay for 6 weeks.'

'You (hear)_____ from him?'

'Yes, I (get)_____ a letter shortly after he (arrive).'

Past tenses

I.

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the past simple of the verbs LIE, LAY and LIE (as a regular verb)

1. They the groundwork for future development.

2. The book open on his desk.

3. Fluor Corporation to shareholders about the company 's financial condition.

4. The building company the foundations of the house two weeks ago.

5. Yesterday, I mis my keys and I cannot remember where I put them.

6. They money aside for their old age.

7. On a cold winter night shift, the machines idle because of a shortage of material.

8. Spolana or kept information secret about storing extremely dangerous toxic chemicals.

II. FIND ; FALL ; FOUND ; FEEL ; WOUND ; WIND ; COST

1. Their profits by 30 per cent.
2. A new computer around \$1,000.
3. David no guilt at all for what he had done.
4. He and Chris Hopen co- the company in 1996, with a vision of helping organizations conduct business over the Internet.
5. The seller delivered the goods but the buyer behind in payment of the instalments.
6. This remark about his last failure deeply him.
7. He is the former president of a conglomerate which he in the 1950's.
8. A string of rejections really her pride.
9. They finally a suitable candidate to replace her.
10. We up the meeting with a vote of thanks to the chairman.
11. I never at ease with interviewers and photographers.
12. The path along the riverside.
13. Their accountants the project at \$8.1 million.
14. The report that 30% of the firms studied had failed within a year.

III.

When I (open)_____ the door I (see)_____ a man on his knees. He clearly (listen)_____ to our conversation and I (wonder)_____ how much he (hear)_____. When I (ask)_____ him what he (do)_____, he (answer)_____ he (drop)_____ a 50p piece and (look)_____ for it. I (not see)_____ any sign of money, but I (find)_____ a small notebook and a pencil which he probably (drop)_____ when the door (open)_____ suddenly. So he (take)_____ notes of our conversation! The notes (be)_____ written in a foreign language, so I (turn)_____ to the stranger and (ask)_____ him to translate. But he (pull)_____ my hat over my eyes and (run)_____ off down the corridor. By the time I (recover)_____ from the shock he (disappear)_____ round the corner. Curiously enough, when I (move)_____ my feet I (find)_____ that I (stand)_____ on a 50p piece. Perhaps he (tell)_____ the truth after all.