

## IX VERBS, VERB TENSES, IMPERATIVES

*Use the simple past or the past progressive in the following.*

- 1 I am sitting in class right now. I (sit) **was sitting** in class at this exact same time yesterday.
- 2 I don't want to go to the zoo today because it is raining. The same thing happened yesterday. I (want, not) **didn't want** to go to the zoo because it (rain) **was raining**.
- 3 I (call) **called** Roger at nine last night, but he (be, not) **wasn't** at home. He (study) **was studying** at the library.
- 4 I (hear, not) didn't hear the thunder during the storm last night because I (sleep) **was sleeping**.
- 5 It was beautiful yesterday when we went for a walk in the park. The sun (shine) **was shining**. A cool breeze (blow) **was blowing**. The birds (sing) **were singing**.
- 6 My brother and sister (argue) **were arguing** about something when I (walk) **walked** into the room.
- 7 I got a package in the mail. When I (open) **opened** it, I (find) **found** a surprise.
- 8 Tommy went to his friends' house, but the boys (be, not) **were not** there. They (play) **were playing** soccer in the vacant lot down the street.
- 9 Stanley (climb) **was climbing** the stairs when he (trip) **tripped** and (fall) **fell**. Luckily, he (hurt, not) **didn't hurt** himself.
- 10 While Mrs. Emerson (read) **was reading** the little boy a story, he (fall) **fell** asleep, so she (close) **closed** the book and quietly (tiptoe) **tiptoed** out of the room.
- 11 I really enjoyed my vacation last January. While it (snow) **was snowing** in Iowa, the sun (shine) **was shining** in Florida. While you (shovel) **were shovelling** snow in Iowa, I (lie) **was lying** on the beach in Florida.
- 12 While Ted (shovel) **was shovelling** snow from his driveway yesterday, his wife (bring) **brought** him a cup of hot chocolate.

*Use the simple past or the present perfect. In some sentences, either tense is possible but the meaning is different.*

- 1 I (attend, not) **haven't attended** any parties since I came here.
- 2 Peter (go) **went** to a party at Sally's apartment last Saturday night.
- 3 Bill (arrive) **arrived** here three days ago.
- 4 Bill (be) **has been** here since the 22nd.
- 5 Try not to be absent from class again for the rest of the term. You (miss, already) **have already missed** too many classes. You (miss) **missed** two classes just last week.
- 6 Last January, I **saw** snow for the first time in my life.
- 7 In her whole lifetime, Anna (see, never) **has never seen/never saw** snow.
- 8 I (know) **have known** Greg Adams for ten years.
- 9 So far this week, I (have) **have had** two tests and a quiz.
- 10 Up to now Professor Williams (give) **has given** our class five tests.

*Use the right tenses.*

- 1 My grandfather (fly, never) **has never flown** in an airplane, and he has no intention of ever doing so.
- 2 Jane is not here yet. I (wait) **have been waiting** for her since noon, but she still (arrive, not) **hasn't arrived**.
- 3 In all the world, there (be) **are** only 14 mountains that (reach) **reach** above 8,000 meters.

4 I have a long trip ahead of me tomorrow, so I think I'd better go to bed. But let me say good-bye now because I won't see you in the morning. I (leave, already) **will have left already** by the time you (get) **get** up.

5 Right now we (have) **have had** a heat wave. The temperature (be) **has been** in the upper 90s for the last six days.

6 Last night I (go) **went** to a party. When I (get) **got** there, the room was full of people. Some of them (dance) **were dancing** and others (talk) **were talking**. One young woman (stand) **was standing** by herself. I (meet, never) **had never met** her, so I (introduce) **introduced** myself to her.

7 About three yesterday afternoon, Jessica (lie) **was lying** in bed reading a book. Suddenly she (hear) **heard** a loud noise and (get) **got** up to see what it was. She (look) **looked** out of the window. A truck (back, just) **had just backed** into her new car!

8 Next month I have a week's vacation. I (plan) **am planning** to take a trip. First, I (go) **am going** to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit my brother. After I (leave) **leave** Madison, I (go) **am going** to Chicago to see a friend who (study) **is studying** at a university there. She (live) **has lived** in Chicago for three years, so she (know) **knows** her way around the city. She (promise) **has promised** to take me to many interesting places. I (be, never) **have never been to** Chicago, so I (look) **look** forward to going there.

9 Yesterday while I (sit) **was sitting** in class, I (get) **got** the hiccups. The person who (sit) **was sitting** next to me told me to hold my breath. I (try) **tried** that, but it didn't work. The instructor (lecture) **was lecturing**, and I didn't want to interrupt him, so I just sat there trying to hiccup quietly. Finally, after I (hiccup) **had hiccupped/had been hiccupping** for almost five minutes, I (rise) **rose** my hand and (excuse) **excused** myself from the class to go get a drink of water.

10 The weather has been terrible lately. It (rain) **has rained** off and on for two days, and the temperature (drop) **has dropped** at least twenty degrees. It (be) **is** in the low 40s right now. Just three days ago, the sun (shine) **was shining** and the weather was pleasant. The weather certainly (change) **changes** quickly here. I never know what to expect. Who knows? When I (wake) **wake** up tomorrow morning, maybe it (snow) **will be snowing**.

**Match the sentences with the functions given below.**

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| 1 We'll have a thunderstorm tonight. I'm sure. d)  | a) making a formal announcement  |
| 2 Will there be a general strike? f)               | b) making a request              |
| 3 I'll send you a card from Florida. g)            | c) stating a planned arrangement |
| 4 Will you write to me? b)                         | d) making a prediction           |
| 5 Shall I go to the post office for you? k)        | e) making an invitation          |
| 6 Shall we take a drive into the country later? l) | f) asking for a prediction       |
| 7 I'll report you to the police next time. j)      | g) promising/stating intention   |
| 8 The wedding will take place next Friday. a)      | h) expressing future hope        |
| 9 I hope you'll come and see us again. h)          | i) expressing future uncertainty |
| 10 Tell them again. Perhaps they'll understand. i) | j) threatening                   |
| 11 Will you have lunch with us on Sunday? e)       | k) offering                      |
| 12 I'll be seeing John at the meeting tomorrow. c) | l) making a suggestion           |

**Put in the simple future, the future progressive or the future perfect simple.**

*- Suggested answers*

By the middle of the 21st century we (build) **will have built** space stations which (circle) **will circle** the earth and (probably circle) **will probably circle** the moon, too. We (establish) **will have established** bases on planets like Mars. At present, we use radar to "watch" nearly 8,000

objects in space. In addition, there are at least 30,000 bits of rubbish from the size of marbles to the size of basket balls flying round the earth. These (*increase*) **will have increased** in number by the year 2050 and (*orbit*) **will be orbiting** the earth. All these bits and pieces are watched by NORAD (North American Radar Defence Command). NORAD (*have*) **will have** more and more rubbish to watch as the years go by. Some bits fall back to earth, like the Russian satellite C954, which crashed in the Northern Territories of Canada in 1978. Crashing junk could give us a bad headache. Most of the stuff (*stay*) **will stay** up there (we hope)! The sad fact is that we who are alive today (*not clear up*) **will not be clearing up** our own junk tomorrow. Perhaps we (*just watch*) **will just be watching** from some other (safe) place as it goes round and round the earth!

*Put in the missing imperatives. ask, avoid, come and ask, do, keep, mind, think!, don't waste*

It's a case of **DO** AS YOU'RE TOLD in our company! I work a small firm and my boss is so *bossy* that we all call him "napoleon". He doesn't mind a bit. Wherever you look in our building there's a notice of some kind. The first thing you see when you arrive is **KEEP OFF THE GRASS!** You come into the building and see **MIND THE STEPS!** The walls are covered with advice. **IF IN DOUBT ASK ME! AVOID MAKING MISTAKES! COME AND ASK ME FIRST! DON'T WASTE TIME!** We have learnt to ignore this advice, but lately notices have begun to appear in every part of the building. We have a small kitchen at the back where we make coffee. Yesterday there was a new notice over the kitchen sink, it said: **THINK!** I was pleased to see it wasn't long before someone added another notice under it which said **THOAP!**