

Tenses revision A

Put the verbs in brackets in a suitable tense. Change the word order, if necessary.

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.