**Verbs and Tenses Exercises**

Exercise 1

**Exercise 1**

Read the following sentences. Identify the verb in each sentence.

1. We live in an apartment on the boulevard.

2. Some children learn very fast.

3. We go for swimming lessons on Sunday.

4. I like my new bike.

5. Babies sometimes sleep during the day.

6. My dad buys a newspaper every morning.

7. These dolls belong to Kathleen.

8. I often walk to school with my dad.

9. My sister plays the piano very well.

10. Sarah sometimes reads in bed at night.

**Exercise 2**

Fill in the blank spaces with the third person singular form of the verbs in the space.

Example: Ali (look) **looks** sad today.

1. Sumiko (speak) \_\_\_\_\_ English very well.

2. Mr. Kim (come) \_\_\_\_\_ to school on his motorbike.

3. My neighbour’s dog (bark) \_\_\_\_\_ very loudly.

4. My little brother always (brush) \_\_\_\_\_ his teeth properly.

5. Dad is so tall that his head almost (touch) \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling.

6. Our dog (catch) \_\_\_\_\_ the ball in its teeth.

7. Mum (mix) \_\_\_\_\_vinegar and oil to make salad dressing.

8. Sally (try) \_\_\_\_\_ not to disturb her brother when he’s reading.

9. Dad (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ his newspaper from the store on the corner.

10. Her music (annoy) \_\_\_\_\_ me when I’m doing my homework.

**Exercise 3**

Underline the verbs in the following sentences. Then show whether the verb is transitive

or intransitive by putting a checkmark (✓) in the correct box. Remember that depending

on the meaning, some verbs can be either transitive or intransitive. For each of the

transitive verbs you have marked, write the object of the verb on the lines. The first one

is done for you.



**Exercise 4**

Look at the pairs of subjects and verbs below. Then write a sentence using each subject

with the simple present form of the verb. Remember that you can also use the simple

present tense to talk about the future.

**Example: Dad goes to work on his bike.**

**subject verb**

1. Dad go

2. My brother ride

3. The dog watch

4. The bus leave

5. Tom and Sam buy

6. We eat

7. Aunt Grace come

8. Our neighbour like

9. The boys start

10. My family travel

**Exercise 5**

Complete the following sentences by writing am, is or are in the blank spaces.

1. The weather \_\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful today.

2. All the children \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the playground.

3. Boys! You\_\_\_\_\_\_ always late for class.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ you on the basketball team, too?

5. Nobody in my class\_\_\_\_\_\_ interested in football.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_this computer more expensive than that one?

7. Sally\_\_\_\_\_\_ my best friend.

8. Mum and Dad \_\_\_\_\_\_ downstairs watching television.

9. Paul and Henry\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the computer room.

10. The Eiffel Tower \_\_\_\_\_\_ the tallest monument in Paris.

**Exercise 6**

Read the following passage. Fill in there’s, there are, there isn’t or there aren’t in the

blank spaces.

I like playing in our park because \_\_\_\_\_\_ some great things to play on.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ a big chute to slide on and a huge sandbox to play in. \_\_\_\_\_\_

also some swings. Dogs are not allowed in the park so \_\_\_\_\_\_ no dogs to bother us.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ also a lot of space for us to run around. It sometimes gets hot because \_\_\_\_\_\_

many trees to give shade, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ a fountain where we can drink

water. It’s the best place in the town for children. \_\_\_\_\_\_ another place as good as

the park.

**Exercise 7**

Rewrite the following sentences using contractions. The first one has already been

done to help you.

1. It is another sunny day today. ***It’s another sunny day today.***

2. This is my sister. She is five.

3. I am not very interested in sports.

4. She is not my best friend. You are my best friend.

5. Cats are not as noisy as dogs.

6. We are busy doing our homework.

7. She is busy cleaning the car in the garage.

8. Our teacher is not very tall.

9. My parents are not home from work yet.

10. My friend is not very good at maths.

**Exercise 8**

Fill in the blank spaces with the present progressive tense of the verbs in parentheses.

Try to use contractions such as I’m, she’s and they’re where you can.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the zoo tomorrow.

2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fix) my bike in the garage.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (help) Mum in the kitchen.

4. My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television in our bedroom.

5. The train \_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) in ten minutes.

6. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) with us to the museum.

7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ (paint) some pictures for Aunt Susan.

8. The boys and girls \_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance) in the hall.

9. The cat \_\_\_\_\_\_ (chase) some birds.

10. My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ (tickle) me.

**Exercise 9**

Complete the following sentences with either 1) the simple present form of the verb,

or 2) the present progressive form of the verb.

1. The teacher always \_\_\_\_\_\_ (give) us interesting project work.

2. The wind \_\_\_\_\_\_ (blow) very strongly today.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (like) chocolate ice cream.

4. Be quiet! We \_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to listen to the radio.

5. Let’s go inside now. It\_\_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to rain.

6. Penguins \_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) fish.

7. Dad never \_\_\_\_\_\_ (let) us play in the street when it’s dark.

8. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming every day.

9. We’re trying to catch the ball that \_\_\_\_\_\_ (roll) down the hill.

10. My teacher (know) a lot about plants and animals.

**Exercise 10**

Write each past tense verb below under the correct heading.

laughed lived smiled landed

cried pinned hurried played

hopped tried grabbed raced

**verb + ed verb + d double the last letter + ed change y to i and add ed**

**Exercise 11**

Complete the sentences with the simple past tense of the verbs in space.

1. The boys \_\_\_\_\_\_ (whisper) secrets to each other.

2. Uncle Ben \_\_\_\_\_\_ (hurry) to catch his bus.

3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ (return) our books to the library.

4. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ kiss) the frog and it (change) into a prince.

5. Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_ (tap) me on the shoulder.

6. The baby \_\_\_\_\_\_ (cry) when we took her toy away.

7. John \_\_\_\_\_\_ (pin) the badge onto his jacket.

8. Two doctors \_\_\_\_\_\_ rush) into the room.

9. This is the house that we \_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in when I was younger.

10. Grandad \_\_\_\_\_\_ (lower) himself into the chair.

**Exercise 12**

Write was or were in the blank spaces in the following passage.

It \_\_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful summer’s day and there\_\_\_\_\_\_ n’t a cloud in the sky. Mum, Dad and I\_\_\_\_\_\_ all in the garden. Dad \_\_\_\_\_\_in the vegetable garden planting some seeds and Mum and I\_\_\_\_\_\_ busy with other jobs. The sun\_\_\_\_\_\_ hot and soon I \_\_\_\_\_\_feeling very tired. Mum and Dad\_\_\_\_\_\_n’t tired at all. They went on working for a long time. I \_\_\_\_\_\_

glad when it \_\_\_\_\_\_ time to go inside and have a drink.

**Exercise 13**

Identify the correct past tense verb in each sentence below.

1. I (losed / lost) my watch in the park.

2. David (hurt / hurted) his knee when he (falled / fell).

3. I kicked the ball hard and it (breaked / broke) a window.

4. My new shoes (cost / costed) a lot of money.

5. I (getted / got) this book from the library.

6. We had a garage where we (keeped / kept) our car.

7. Ali (shew / showed) me the cut on his knee.

8. The glass (falled / fell) off the table and (breaked / broke).

9. We (selled / sold) our old car and (buyed / bought) a new one.

10. The bell (ringed / rang) and we all (goed / went) into school.

11. The dog (catched / caught) the ball in its mouth.

12. The man (kneeled / knelt) down to talk to the little boy.

13. I (meeted / met) my friend in the park.

14. Our cat (runned / ran) onto the road in front of a car.

15. Jane (writed / wrote) a letter to her best friend.

**Exercise 14**

Complete the sentences with the past progressive tense of the verbs in the space.

1. At the block party lots of people \_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance) in the street.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in my bedroom reading a book.

3. Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) a very loud noise in the street.

4. Why you all \_\_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) when I came in?

5. Mike and John \_\_\_\_\_\_ (wash) their paintbrushes.

6. Sally \_\_\_\_\_\_ (practice) the piano.

7. I ran so fast that my heart \_\_\_\_\_\_ (beat) really hard.

8. Our neighbours \_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a barbecue.

**Exercise 15**

Complete the following sentences with has or have.

1. My dog \_\_\_\_\_\_ a long shiny coat.

2. Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_ a very kind face.

3. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of homework to do.

4. Sam and I \_\_\_\_\_\_ desks near the front of the class.

5. Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_ two brothers and a sister.

6. My friend Andy \_\_\_\_\_\_ a big house.

7. Mice \_\_\_\_\_\_ long tails.

8. Most dogs \_\_\_\_\_\_ sharp teeth.

9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ more toys than my friend .

10. These flowers \_\_\_\_\_\_ a strange smell.

**Exercise 16**

Complete the sentence with the present perfect tense of the verbs.

1. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) the house very messy.

2. I (\_\_\_\_\_\_ see) that actor in several movies.

3. The boys \_\_\_\_\_\_ (drink) all the soda in the refrigerator.

4. Our dog \_\_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) its leg.

5. One of the workmen \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off his ladder.

6. She’s sad because her friends \_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the park without her.

7. Dad \_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower already.

8. I’ve been shouting so much that I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my voice.

9. My sister’s boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) her a diamond ring.

10. Alan \_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) this jigsaw puzzle so many times that he could do it with

his eyes shut.

**Exercise 17**

Identify the correct past participle in each sentence below.

1. Your child has (broke/broken) my window!

2. Have you (eaten/ate) all your dinner?

3. I have (known/knew) Sally since we were in nursery.

4. Michael has (drew/drawn) a picture for his grandad.

5. The new girl seems nice, but I haven’t (spoke/spoken) to her yet.

6. We’ve (drank/drunk) all the milk.

7. The ball has (went/gone) over the garden fence.

8. Has Tom (did/done) all his homework?

9. You have (been/was) late for school every day this week.

10. Help! I’ve (fell/fallen) down a hole!

**Exercise 18**

Decide whether shall and will are used correctly in each sentence.



**Exercise 19**

Read the pairs of subjects and verbs below. Then write sentences about future events

using the correct form of be going to. For example, for the first sentence you could write:

*My friend Tom is going to sleep at my house tonight.*



**Exercise 20**

Complete the following sentences with do, does or did.

**Exercise 21**

Complete the following sentences with the contractions don’t, doesn’t or didn’t.



**Exercise 22**

Look at the following half-sentences that contain adjectives. Complete each sentence

with an infinitive. For example, for the first sentence you could write:



**Exercise 23**

Study the following pairs of verbs and nouns. Then write a sentence using each pair

with the verb as an imperative. Try to use negatives in some of your sentences. For the

first pair, you could write:

