

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS

## UNIT 1 Exercises

1 In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form.

Examples: Please don't make so much noise. I am studying (study).

Let's go out now. It isn't raining (not/rain) any more.

Listen to those people. What language are they speaking (they/speak)?

- 1 Please be quiet. I am trying (try) to concentrate.
- 2 Look! It is snowing (snow).
- 3 Why are you looking (you/look) at me like that? Have I said something wrong?
- 4 You are making (make) a lot of noise. Can you be a bit quieter?
- 5 Excuse me, I am looking (look) for a phone box. Is there one near here?
- 6 (in the cinema) It's a good film, isn't it? are you enjoying (you/enjoy) it?
- 7 Listen! Can you hear those people next door? They are shouting (shout) at each other again.
- 8 Why are you wearing (you/wear) your coat today? It's very warm.
- 9 I am not working (not/work) this week. I'm on holiday.
- 10 I want to lose weight. I am not eating (not/eat) anything today.

1.2 Complete these sentences using one of these verbs:

get become change rise improve fall increase

You don't have to use all the verbs and you can use some of them more than once.  
Example: The population of the world is rising very fast.

- 1 The number of people without jobs is falling at the moment.
- 2 He is still ill but he is getting better slowly.
- 3 These days food is becoming more and more expensive.
- 4 The world is changing. Things never stay the same.
- 5 The cost of living is increasing. Every year things are dearer.
- 6 George has gone to work in Spain. When he arrived, his Spanish wasn't very good but now it is improving.
- 7 The economic situation is already very bad and it is getting worse.

1.3 Read this conversation between Brian and Steve. Put each verb into the correct form. The first one has already been done for you.

Brian and Steve meet in a restaurant:

Brian: Hello, Steve. I haven't seen you for ages. What (1) are you doing (you/do) these days?

Steve: I (2) am training (train) to be a shop manager.

Brian: Really? (3) are you enjoying (you/enjoy) it?

Steve: Yes, it's quite interesting. How about you?

Brian: Well, I (4) am not working (not/work) at the moment, but I'm very busy.

I (5) am building (build) a house.

Steve: Really? (6) are you doing (you/do) it alone?

Brian: No, some friends of mine (7) are helping (help) me.

# PRESENT SIMPLE

## UNIT 2 Exercises

1.1 In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form.

Examples: Water boils (boil) at 100 degrees centigrade.

George doesn't go (not/go) to the cinema very often.

How many languages do you speak (you/speak)?

- 1 The swimming bath is open (open) at 9.00 and is closed (close) at 18.30 every day.
- 2 What time do the banks close (the banks / close) in Britain?
- 3 I have a car but I don't use (not/use) it very often.
- 4 How many cigarettes do you smoke (you/smoke) a day?
- 5 'What do you do (you/do)?' 'I'm an electrical engineer.'
- 6 'Where do you come from (your father / come) from?' 'He comes (come) from Scotland.'
- 7 If you need money, why don't you get (you/not/get) a job?
- 8 I play (play) the piano, but I don't play (not/play) very well.
- 9 I don't understand the word 'deceive'. What does it mean ('deceive' / mean)?

1.2 This time you have to read some sentences and correct them. The English is correct but the information is wrong. Write two correct sentences each time.  
Example: The sun goes round the earth. The sun doesn't go round the earth. The earth goes round the sun.

- 1 The sun rises in the west. The sun rises in the east.
- 2 Mice catch cats. Cats catch mice.
- 3 Carpenters make things from metal. Carpenters make things from wood.
- 4 The River Amazon flows into the Pacific Ocean. The River Amazon flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

1.3 Now you have to use these sentences to make questions. Begin your question with the word(s) in brackets.

Examples: Tom plays tennis. (How often?) How often does Tom play tennis?  
I get up in the morning. (What time / usually?) What time do you usually get up?

- 1 Ann watches television. (How often?) How often does Ann watch television?
- 2 I write to my parents. (How often?) How often do you write to your parents?
- 3 I have dinner in the evening. (What time / usually?) What time do you usually have dinner?
- 4 Tom works. (Where?) Where does Tom work?
- 5 I go to the cinema. (How often?) How often do you go to the cinema?
- 6 People do stupid things. (Why?) Why do people do stupid things?
- 7 The car breaks down. (How often?) How often does the car break down?

# PRESENT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS

3 + 4

In this exercise you have to decide whether the verbs in these sentences are right or wrong.

Examples: I don't know your telephone number. RIGHT  
Please don't make so much noise. I study. WRONG - am studying.

- Look! Somebody is climbing up that tree over there. RIGHT
- Can you hear those people? What do they talk about? RIGHT
- Are you believing in God? RIGHT
- Look! That man tries to open the door of your car. RIGHT
- The moon goes round the earth. RIGHT
- I'm thinking it would be a good idea to leave early. RIGHT
- The government is worried because the number of people without jobs is increasing. RIGHT
- I'm usually going to work by car. RIGHT

Now you have to put the verb into the correct form, present continuous (I am doing) or present simple (I do).

Examples: Please don't make so much noise. I am studying (study).  
How many languages does Tom speak (Tom/speak)?  
This machine doesn't work (not/work). It hasn't worked for years.

- I don't belong (not/belong) to a political party.
- Hurry! The bus is coming (come). I don't want (not/want) to miss it.
- The River Nile flows (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- The river is flowing (flow) very fast today - much faster than usual.
- It never snows (it/ever/snow) in India?
- We usually grow (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we aren't growing (not/grow) any.
- A: Can you drive?  
B: No, but I am learning (learn). My father teaches (teach) me.
- You can borrow my umbrella. I don't need (not/need) it at the moment.
- (at a party) I usually enjoy (enjoy) parties but I don't enjoy (not/enjoy) this one very much.
- George says he's 80 years old but I don't believe (not/believe) him.
- Ron is in London at the moment. He is staying (stay) at the Hilton Hotel.  
He usually stays (stay) at the Hilton Hotel when he's in London.

In these sentences think about whether the situation is temporary or permanent.

- My parents live (live) in Bristol. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else. Where do your parents live (your parents / live)?
- She is staying (stay) with her sister at the moment until she finds somewhere to live.
- A: What do you do (your father / do)?  
B: He's a teacher, but he isn't working (not/work) at the moment.

A friend of yours is planning to go on holiday very soon. You ask him about his plans. Use the words in brackets to make your questions.  
Example: (where / go?) Where are you going?

- how long / stay? .....
- when / leave? .....
- go / alone? .....
- go / by car? .....
- (where / stay?) .....

Ann is going on holiday. You have to write sentences about her holiday plans. Use the words in brackets to write your sentences.

- Example: (go / Scotland) She is going to Scotland.
- leave / next Friday) She .....
  - stay / in Scotland for two weeks) .....
  - go / with a friend of hers) .....
  - stay / in a hotel) They .....
  - go / by train) .....

Tom wants you to visit him but you are very busy. Look at your diary for the next few days and explain to him why you can't come.

Monday Volley ball 7-10 pm	Friday
Tuesday Work late till 9 pm	Saturday
Wednesday Reads (with mother)	Sunday
Thursday Meet Julie 8 pm	None

Tom: Can you come on Monday evening?  
You: Sorry, I'd love to but I'm playing volleyball.  
Tom: What about Tuesday evening then?  
You: I can't I'm afraid. I (1)  
Tom: Well, what are you doing on Wednesday evening?  
You: (2) .....

Tom: I see. Well, are you free on Thursday evening?  
You: I'm afraid not. (3) .....

Put the verb into the most suitable form, present continuous (I am doing) or present simple (I do).

Examples: We are going (go) to the theatre this evening.  
Does the film begin (the film / begin) at 3.30 or 4.30?

- We are having (have) a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?
- I am not going (not/go) away for my holidays next month because I haven't got enough money. Are you going (you/go) away?
- The concert this evening starts (start) at 7.30.
- George, is it true that you are getting (get) married next week?
- The art exhibition opens (open) on 3 May and finishes (finish) on 15 July.
- What time is the next train leaving (the next train / leave)?
- Ann, we are going (go) to town. Are you coming (you/come) with us?

UNIT 11 Exercises

PAST SIMPLE

1 In this exercise you have to read a sentence about the present and then write a sentence about the past.

Example: Tom usually gets up at 7.30. Yesterday he got up at 7.30.

- 1 Tom usually wakes up early. Yesterday morning .....
- 2 Tom usually walks to work. Yesterday .....
- 3 Tom is usually late for work. Yesterday .....
- 4 Tom usually has a sandwich for lunch. Yesterday .....
- 5 Tom usually goes out in the evening. Yesterday evening .....
- 6 Tom usually sleeps very well. Last night .....

2 This time you have to put one of these verbs in each sentence:

hurt teach spend sell throw fall catch buy cost

Example: I was hungry, so I bought something to eat in the shop.

- 1 Tom's father ..... him how to drive when he was 17. → P
- 2 Don ..... down the stairs this morning and ..... his leg. → P
- 3 We needed some money so we ..... our car. → P
- 4 Ann ..... a lot of money yesterday. She ..... a dress which ..... £50. → P
- 5 Jim ..... the ball to Sue who ..... it. → P

3 In this exercise you have to write questions. A friend has just come back from holiday and you are asking him about it.

Examples: where / go? Where did you go?  
 food / good? Was the food good?

- 1 how long / stay there? .....
- 2 stay in a hotel? .....
- 3 go alone? .....
- 4 how / travel? .....
- 5 the weather / fine? .....
- 6 what / do in the evenings? .....
- 7 meet any interesting people? .....

4 This time you have to put the verb into the correct form. All the sentences are past.

Example: I didn't go (not/go) to work yesterday because I wasn't (not/be) very well.

- 1 Tom ..... (not/shave) this morning because he ..... (not/have) time.
- 2 We ..... (not/eat) anything because we ..... (not/be) hungry.
- 3 I ..... (not/rush) because I ..... (not/be) in a hurry.
- 4 She ..... (not/be) interested in the book because she ..... (not/understand) it.

UNIT 12 Exercises

PAST CONTINUOUS ...

121 Here is a list of some things that Ann did yesterday (and the times at which she did them):

1 8.45-9.15 had breakfast	4 12.45-1.30 had lunch
2 9.15-10.00 read the newspaper	5 2.30-3.30 washed some clothes
3 10.00-12.00 cleaned her flat	6 4.00-6.00 watched television

Now write sentences saying what she was doing at those times:

- 1 At 9 o'clock she was having breakfast.
- 2 At 9.30 she .....
- 3 At 11 o'clock .....
- 4 At 1 o'clock .....
- 5 At 3 o'clock .....
- 6 At 5 o'clock .....

122 A group of people were staying in a hotel. One evening the fire alarm rang. Use the words in brackets to make sentences saying what each person was doing at the time.

Example: (Don / have / a bath) Don was having a bath.

- 1 (Ann / write / a letter in her room) Ann .....
- 2 (George / get / ready to go out) George .....
- 3 (Carol and Dennis / have / dinner) Carol and Dennis .....
- 4 (Tom / make / a phone call) Tom .....

123 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Put the verbs into the correct form, past simple (I did) or past continuous (I was doing).

Example: (I / fall / asleep when I / watch / television) I fell asleep when I was watching television.

- 1 (the phone / ring / when I / have / a shower) The phone .....
- 2 (it / begin / to rain when I / walk / home) .....
- 3 (we / see / an accident when we / wait / for the bus) .....

124 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

Example: While Tom was cooking (cook) the dinner, the phone rang (ring).

- 1 George ..... (fall) off the ladder while he ..... (paint) the ceiling.
- 2 Last night I ..... (read) in bed when suddenly I ..... (hear) a scream.
- 3 ..... (you/watch) television when I phoned you? → P
- 4 Ann ..... (wait) for me when I ..... (arrive).
- 5 I ..... (not/drive) very fast when the accident ..... (happen).
- 6 I ..... (break) a plate last night. I ..... (do) the washing-up when it ..... (slip) out of my hand.
- 7 Tom ..... (take) a photograph of me while I ..... (not/look).
- 8 We ..... (not/go) out because it ..... (rain).
- 9 What ..... (you/do) at this time yesterday? → P
- 10 I ..... (see) Carol at the party. She ..... (wear) a really beautiful dress. → P

# FUTURE

6-7-8+9-10

## UNIT 6 Exercises

**1** In this exercise you have to complete the sentences with I'll + a suitable verb.  
Example: I'm too tired to walk home. I think I'll get a taxi.

- I feel a bit hungry. I think ..... something to eat.
- It's too late to telephone Tom now. .... him in the morning.
- 'It's a bit cold in this room.' 'Is it?' ..... on the heating then.'
- 'We haven't got any cigarettes.' 'Oh, haven't we?' ..... and get some.'
- 'Did you write that letter to Jack?' 'Oh, I forgot. Thanks for reminding me. .... it this evening.'
- 'Would you like tea or coffee?' '..... coffee, please.'

**2** Now you have to use I think I'll ... or I don't think I'll ... . Read the situation and then write your sentence.

Examples: It's cold. You decide to close the window. I think I'll close the window.  
It's raining. You decide not to go out. I don't think I'll go out.

- You feel tired. You decide to go to bed. I .....
- A friend of yours offers you a lift in his car but you decide to walk. Thank you but .....
- You arranged to play tennis. Now you decide that you don't want to play. ....
- You were going to go swimming. Now you decide that you don't want to go. ....

**3** Now you have to offer to do things. Tom has a lot of things to do and in each case you offer to do them for him.

Example: Tom: Oh, I must do the washing-up. You: No, it's all right. I'll do the washing-up.

- Tom: Oh, I must get the dinner ready. You: No, it's all right. I .....
- Tom: Oh, I must do the shopping. You: No, .....
- Tom: Oh, I must water the plants. You: .....

**4** This time you have to agree and promise to do things.

Example: A: Can you clean the windows? B: Sure, I'll clean them this afternoon.  
A: Do you promise? B: Yes, I promise I'll clean them this afternoon.

- A: Can you phone me later? B: Sure, ..... tonight.  
A: Do you promise? B: Yes, .....
- A: Can you repair the clock? B: Okay, ..... tomorrow.  
A: Do .....? B: .....
- A: Please don't tell anyone. B: All right, I won't tell anyone.  
A: .....? B: .....
- A: Please don't hurt me. B: Don't worry, .....  
A: .....? B: .....

## UNIT 7 Exercises

**1** Decide which form of the verb is correct (or more natural) in these sentences. Cross out the one which is wrong.  
Example: Tom isn't free on Saturday. He ~~will work~~ / is working.

- I will go / am going to a party tomorrow night. Would you like to come too?
- According to the weather forecast it will rain / is raining tomorrow.
- I'm sure Tom will get / is getting the job. He has a lot of experience.
- I can't meet you this evening. A friend of mine will come / is coming to see me.
- A: Have you decided where to go for your holidays yet?  
B: Yes, we will go / are going to Italy.
- Don't worry about the dog. It won't hurt / isn't hurting you.

**2** Answer these questions using the words in brackets.

Example: When do you think he'll arrive? (expect / tonight) I expect he'll arrive tonight.

- What do you think she'll say? (probably / nothing) She .....
- Where do you think she'll go? (expect / London) I .....
- When do you think she'll leave? (think / tomorrow) I .....
- How do you think she'll go there? (expect / by train) I .....
- When do you think she'll be back? (think / quite soon) I .....
- Do you think you'll miss her? (I'm sure / very much) Yes, .....

**3** Now you have to read a situation and then write a sentence with shall I? In each situation you are talking to a friend.

Example: It's very hot in the room. The window is shut. Shall I open the window?

- You've just tried on a jacket in a shop. You are not sure whether to buy it or not. Ask your friend for advice. ....
- You're going out. It's possible that it will rain and you're not sure whether to take an umbrella or not. Ask your friend for advice. ....
- It's Ann's birthday soon and you don't know what to give her. Ask your friend for advice. What .....
- Your friend wants you to phone him/her later. You don't know what time to phone. Ask him/her. What .....

This time you have to make sentences with shall we?

Example: You and your friend haven't decided what to do this evening. You say: What shall we do this evening?

- You and your friend haven't decided where to go for your holidays. You say: Where .....
- You and your friend haven't decided what to have for dinner. You say: .....
- You and your friend are going out. You haven't decided whether to go by car or to walk. You say: ..... or .....

## UNIT 8 Exercises

In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form using will or going to.  
Examples: A: Why are you turning on the television?  
B: I'm going to watch (watch) the news.

A: Oh, I've just realised - I haven't got any money.  
B: Don't worry - that's no problem. I'll lend (lend) you some.  
Those clouds are very black, aren't they? I think it is going to rain (rain).

- A: I've got a terrible headache.  
B: Have you? Wait there and I (get) an aspirin for you.
- A: Why are you filling that bucket with water?  
B: I (wash) the car.
- A: I've decided to re-paint this room.  
B: Oh, have you? What colour (you/paint) it?
- A: Look! There's smoke coming out of that house. It's on fire!  
B: Good heavens! I (call) the fire-brigade immediately.
- A: The ceiling in this room doesn't look very safe, does it?  
B: No, it looks as if it (fall) down.
- A: Where are you going? Are you going shopping?  
B: Yes, I (buy) something for dinner.
- A: I can't work out how to use this camera.  
B: It's quite easy. I (show) you.
- A: What would you like to drink - tea or coffee?  
B: I (have) tea, please.
- A: Has George decided on what to do when he leaves school?  
B: Oh yes. Everything is planned. He (have) a holiday for a few weeks and then he (start) a computer programming course.
- A: Did you post that letter for me?  
B: Oh, I'm sorry. I completely forgot. I (do) it now.
- A: What shall we have for dinner?  
B: I don't know. I can't make up my mind.  
A: Come on, hurry up! Make a decision!  
B: Okay then. We (have) chicken.
- Jack: We need some bread for lunch.  
Ben: Oh, do we? I (go) to the shop and get some. I feel like a walk.  
Before he goes out, Ben talks to Jane:  
Ben: I (get) some bread. Do you want anything from the shop?  
Jane: Yes, I need some envelopes.  
Ben: Okay, I (get) you some.
- John has to go to the airport to catch a plane. He hasn't got a car.  
John: Alan, can you take me to the airport this evening?  
Alan: Of course I (take) you. I'd be delighted.  
Later that day Eric offers to take John to the airport.  
Eric: John, do you want me to take you to the airport?  
John: No thanks, Eric. Alan (take) me.

## UNIT 9 Exercises

All the sentences in this exercise are about the future. Put the verbs into the correct form: will/won't or the present simple (I do).

Example: When I see (see) Tom tomorrow, I'll invite (invite) him to our party.

- Before you (leave), don't forget to shut the windows.
- I (phone) you as soon as I (arrive) in London.
- Please don't touch anything before the police (come).
- Everyone (be) very surprised if he (pass) the examination.
- When you (see) Brian again, you (not / recognise) him.
- We (not/start) dinner until Jack (arrive).
- (you/be) lonely without me while I (be) away?
- If I (need) any help, I (ask) you.
- Come on! Hurry up! Ann (be) annoyed if we (be) late.

This time you have to make one sentence from two sentences.

Example: You are going to leave soon. You must visit the museum before that.  
You must visit the museum before you leave.

- I'll find somewhere to live. Then I'll give you my address.  
I ( ) when ( )
- It's going to start raining. Let's go out before that.  
Let's ( ) before ( )
- I'm going to do the shopping. Then I'll come straight back home.  
( ) after ( )
- You'll be in London next month. You must come and see me then.  
( ) when ( )
- I'm going to finish reading this book. Then I'll get the dinner ready.  
( ) when ( )
- We'll make our decision. Then we'll let you know.  
( ) as soon as ( )

In this exercise you have to put in when or if.

Example: If ( ) it rains this evening, I won't go out.

- I'm going to Paris next week. ( ) I'm there, I hope to visit a friend of mine.
- Tom might phone this evening. ( ) he does, can you take a message?
- I think he'll get the job. I'll be very surprised ( ) he doesn't get it.
- I hope to be there by 10.30. But ( ) I'm not there, don't wait for me.
- I'm going shopping. ( ) you want anything, I can get it for you.
- I think I'll go home now. I'm feeling very tired. I think I'll go straight to bed ( ) I get home.
- I'm going away for a few days. I'll phone you ( ) I get back.
- I want you to come to the party but ( ) you don't want to come, you needn't.

## UNIT 10 Exercises

- 1 In this exercise you have to make sentences with **will be -ing**.  
 Example: I'm going to watch television from 9 until 10 o'clock this evening.  
 So at 9.30 I will be watching television.
- Tomorrow afternoon I'm going to play tennis from 3 o'clock until 4.30.  
 So at 4 o'clock tomorrow I .....
  - Jim is going to study from 7 o'clock until 10 o'clock this evening.  
 So at 8.30 this evening he .....
  - We are going to clean the flat tomorrow. It will take from 9 until 11 o'clock.  
 So at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning .....

2 This time you have to write three sentences, one each about the past, present and future. Bob always reads the newspaper in the morning. It always takes him half an hour, from 8 o'clock until 8.30. So:

- At 8.15 yesterday morning Bob .....
- It's 8.15 now. He .....
- At 8.15 tomorrow morning he .....

3 This time you have to ask questions with **Will you be -ing?**  
 Example: You want to borrow your friend's bicycle this evening.  
 (you / use / your bicycle this evening?) Will you be using your bicycle this evening?

- You want your friend to give Tom a message this afternoon.  
 (you / see / Tom this afternoon?) .....
- You want to use your friend's typewriter tomorrow evening.  
 (you / use / your typewriter tomorrow evening?) .....
- Your friend is going shopping. You want him/her to buy some stamps for you at the post office. (you / pass / the post office when you're in town?) .....

4 In this exercise you have to use **will have done**.  
 Example: Tom and Ann are going to the cinema. The film begins at 7.30 and it is already 7.20. And it will take them 20 minutes to get there.  
 When they get there, (the film / already / start) the film will have already started.

- Jim always goes to bed at 11 o'clock. Tom is going to visit him at 11.30 this evening. When Tom arrives, (Jim / go / to bed) .....
- Tom is on holiday. He has very little money and he is spending too much too quickly. Before the end of his holiday, (he / spend / all his money) .....
- Chuck came to Britain from the US nearly three years ago. Next Monday it will be exactly three years since he arrived. Next Monday (he / be / here / exactly three years) .....

## PRESENT PERFECT

### UNIT 13 Exercises

1 You are writing a letter to a friend and giving news about people you both know. Use the words given to make sentences and put the verb into the correct form.  
 Example: Phil / find a new job Phil has found a new job.

Dear Chris,

Lots of things have happened since I last wrote to you.

1 Charles / go / Brazil Charles .....

2 Jack and Jill / decide / to get married .....

3 Suzanne / have / a baby .....

4 Monica / give up / smoking .....

5 George / pass / his driving-test .....

2 In this exercise you have to read the situation and then write a suitable sentence. Use the verb given.

Example: Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it. (lose) He has lost his key.

- Ann's hair was dirty. Now it is clean. (wash) She .....
- Tom was 80 kilograms. Now he weighs 70. (lose weight) .....
- The car has just stopped because there isn't any more petrol in the tank. (run out of petrol) .....
- Yesterday Bill was playing football. Now he can't walk and his leg is in plaster. (break) .....

3 This time you have to use **just**. Answer the questions using the words given.

Example: Would you like something to eat. (no thank you / I / just / have / dinner)  
No thank you, I've just had dinner.

- Have you seen John anywhere? (yes / I / just / see / him) Yes .....
- Has Ann phoned yet? (yes / she / just / phone) .....
- Would you like a cigarette? (no thanks / I / just / put / one out) .....

4 In this exercise you have to write sentences with **already**.  
 Example: Don't forget to post that letter. I've already posted it.

- Don't forget to phone Tom. I .....
- Why don't you read the paper? No, I .....
- Shall I pay the waiter? No, I .....

5 This time you have to put in **been** or **gone**.

Example: 'Where's Ann?' 'She's on holiday. She has gone to Italy.'

- Hello! I've just ..... to the shops. Look! I've bought lots of things.
- Jim isn't here at the moment. He's ..... to the shops.
- 'Are you going to the bank?' 'No, I've already ..... to the bank.'

## 14 Exercises

**1** *Part W*  
 You are asking someone about things he has done in his life. Use the words in brackets to make your questions.  
 Example: (you ever / be / to Italy?) Have you ever been to Italy?

- 1 you ever / be / to South America? .....
- 2 you / read / any English books? .....
- 3 you / live / in this town all your life? .....
- 4 how many times / you / be / in love? .....
- 5 what's the most beautiful country you / ever / visit? .....
- 6 you ever / speak / to a famous person? .....

**2** *Part W*  
 Complete the answers to these questions. Use the verb in brackets.  
 Example: Is it a beautiful painting? (see) Yes, it's the most beautiful painting I've ever seen.

- 1 Is it a good film? (see) Yes, it's the best .....
- 2 Is it a long book? (read) Yes, it's the .....
- 3 Is she an interesting person? (meet) Yes, she's the most .....

**3**  
 You have to write questions and answers as shown in the example.  
 Example: Jack is driving a car but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.  
 You ask: Is this the first time you've driven a car?  
 Jack: Yes, I've never driven a car before.

- 1 Ben is playing tennis. He's not very good and doesn't know the rules.  
 You ask: Is this the first time ...  
 Ben: Yes, I've ...
- 2 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.  
 You ask: ...  
 Sue: ...
- 3 Maria is in England. She's just arrived and it's very new for her.  
 You ask: ...  
 Maria: ...

**4**  
 Answer these questions using the words in brackets.  
 Example: When did you last smoke? (for two years) I haven't smoked for two years.

- 1 When did it last rain? (for ages) It ..... for ages.
- 2 When did they last visit you? (since June) They .....
- 3 When did you last play tennis? (for a long time) .....
- 4 When did you last eat caviar? (never) .....
- 5 When did you last drive? (for six months) .....
- 6 When did you last go to Spain? (never) .....
- 7 When did she last write to you? (since last summer) .....

## 15 Exercises

**1**  
 In this exercise you have to make questions with the words given.  
 Example: (you / hear / from George recently?) Have you heard from George recently?

- 1 (you / read / a newspaper recently?) .....
- 2 (you / see / Tom in the past few days?) .....
- 3 (you / play / tennis recently?) .....
- 4 (you / eat / anything today?) .....
- 5 (you / see / any good films recently?) .....
- 6 (you / have / a holiday this year yet?) .....

**2**  
 This time answer the questions in the way shown. Use yet.  
 Example: Have you seen the new film at the local cinema?  
I haven't seen it yet, but I'm going to see it.

- 1 Have you eaten at the new Italian restaurant?  
 I ..... yet but I'm .....
- 2 Have you bought a car?  
 I ..... but I .....
- 3 Has Gerry asked Diana to marry him?  
 He .....

**3**  
 This time you have to complete the sentence. Use so far.  
 Examples: I saw Tom yesterday but I haven't seen him so far today.  
 It rained a lot last week but it hasn't rained much so far this week.

- 1 We ate a lot yesterday but we ..... much so far today.
- 2 It snowed a lot last winter but it ..... so far this winter.
- 3 I played tennis a lot last year but ..... this year.
- 4 She worked hard last term but ..... this term.
- 5 I watched television yesterday evening ..... this evening.
- 6 My favourite football team won a lot of matches last season but they ..... many matches so far this season.

**4**  
 In this exercise you have to read the situation and then finish a sentence.  
 Example: Ron is phoning Jill again. He has already phoned her twice this evening.  
It's the third time he has phoned her this evening.

- 1 You're late again. You've already been late once this week.  
 It's the second ..... this week.
- 2 The car has broken down. It has already broken down twice this month.  
 It's the .....
- 3 Ann has just finished drinking a cup of tea. She has already had four cups this morning.  
 It's the fifth .....

## 20 Exercises

- 1 In this exercise you have to read the situation and then write a sentence. Use the verbs given in brackets. Read the example carefully first.  
 Example: Ten minutes ago Tom lost his key. Now he has it in his hand.  
 (lose / find) Tom lost his key but now he has found it.

- I lost a lot of weight but now I am too heavy again.  
 (lose weight / put on weight) I ..... but now I .....
- She went to Australia but now she is back in Britain again.  
 (go / come back) She ..... but now .....
- Last year Kevin bought a car. Now it belongs to someone else.  
 (buy / sell) .....
- The police arrested the man but now he is at home again.  
 (arrest / release) .....
- Bill cut his hair. Now it is long again.  
 (cut / grow) .....
- The prisoner escaped from the prison. Now he is back in prison.  
 (escape / be caught) .....

- 2 Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct the ones which are wrong.

Examples: Have you heard? Suzanne has got married!  
 The Chinese have invented printing.

RIGHT .....  
 WRONG - Invented

- Who has written the play Hamlet? .....
- Aristotle has been a Greek philosopher. ....
- Ow! I've cut my finger. It's bleeding. ....
- Look at George! He had a haircut. ....
- My grandparents got married in London. ....
- Einstein was the physicist who has developed the theory of relativity. ....

- 3 In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form.  
 Example: A: Look! Somebody has spilt (spill) milk on the carpet.  
 B: Well, it wasn't (not/be) me. I didn't do (not/do) it.  
 A: I wonder who it was (be) then.

- A: Your hair looks different. .... (you/have) a haircut?  
 B: Yes.  
 A: ..... (you/cut) it yourself?  
 B: No, Ann ..... (cut) it for me.
- A: Did you hear about Ben? He ..... (break) his leg.  
 B: Really? How ..... (that/happen)?  
 A: He ..... (fall) off a ladder.

## 21 Exercises

- 1 In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form, present perfect (I have done) or past simple (I did).  
 Examples: I have lost (lose) my key. I can't find it anywhere.  
 Did you see (you/see) the film on television last night?

- Jill ..... (buy) a new car two weeks ago.
- His hair is very short. He ..... (have) a haircut.
- Last night I ..... (arrive) home at half past twelve. I  
 ..... (have) a bath and then I ..... (go) to bed.
- ..... (you/visit) many museums when you were in Paris?
- My bicycle isn't here any more. Somebody ..... (take) it.
- When ..... (you/give) up smoking?
- I ..... (not/eat) anything yesterday because I  
 not/feel hungry.
- Why ..... (Jim/get/want) to play tennis last Friday?
- The car looks very clean. .... (you/wash) it?
- Brian: Hello, Susan. Is Alan here?  
 Susan: No, I'm afraid he ..... (go) out.  
 Brian: Oh, what a pity! When exactly ..... (he/go) out?  
 Susan: About ten minutes ago.

- 2 In this exercise you have to make sentences using the words given.  
 Examples: (I / smoke / 20 cigarettes yesterday) I smoked 20 cigarettes yesterday.

- (how many cigarettes / you / smoke / today?)  
How many cigarettes have you smoked today?
- I / be / ill twice so far this year) I .....  
 (how many times / be / you / ill last year?) How many times .....
  - I / not / drink / any coffee so far today) .....
  - he / be / late three times this week) .....
  - how many games / the team / win / last season?) .....
  - how many games / the team / win / so far this season?) .....

- 3 Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect (I have done) or past simple (I did).  
 Example: I didn't play (not/play) golf when I was on holiday last summer.

- Mr Clark ..... (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
- Molly lives in Dublin. She ..... (live) there all her life.
- Bob and Alice are married. They ..... (be) married for 20 years.
- When we were on holiday, the weather ..... (be) awful.
- The weather ..... (be) very nice recently, don't you think?
- My grandfather died 30 years ago. I ..... (never/meet) him.
- I don't know Carol's husband. I ..... (never/meet) him.



# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## 16 Exercises

**1** In this exercise you have to read the situation and then write a sentence with the present perfect continuous (I have been doing).  
 Example: Tom is out of breath. (he / run) He has been running.

- Ann is very tired. (she / work / hard) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bob has a black eye and Bill has a cut lip. (Bob and Bill / fight) \_\_\_\_\_
- George has just come back from the beach. He is very red. (he / lie / in the sun) \_\_\_\_\_
- Janet is hot and tired. (she / play / tennis) \_\_\_\_\_

**2** This time you have to ask a question for each situation.  
 Example: Your friend's hands are covered in oil. (you / work / on the car?)  
Have you been working on the car?

- You see a little boy. His eyes are red and watery. (you / cry?) \_\_\_\_\_
- You have just arrived to meet your friend who is waiting for you. (you / wait / long?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Your friend comes in. His face and hands are very dirty. (what / you / do?) \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Now you have to say how long something has been happening.  
 Example: It is raining now. It began raining two hours ago.  
It has been raining for two hours.

- Kevin is studying. He began studying three hours ago.  
 He \_\_\_\_\_ for three hours.
- I'm learning Spanish. I started learning Spanish in December.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ since December.
- Ann is looking for a job. She began looking six months ago.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for six months.
- Mary is working in London. She started working there on 18 January.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ since 18 January.
- George smokes. He started smoking five years ago.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for five years.

**4** In this exercise you have to ask questions with how long.  
 Example: It is raining. How long has it been raining?

- My foot is hurting. How long \_\_\_\_\_
- Mike plays chess. How \_\_\_\_\_
- Jim sells washing machines. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tom is living in High Street. \_\_\_\_\_

**A** In this exercise you have to read the situation and then write two sentences, one with the present perfect simple (I have done) and one with the present perfect continuous (I have been doing).

Example: Tom is reading a book. He started two hours ago and he is on page 53.  
 (he / read / for two hours) He has been reading for two hours.  
 (he / read / 53 pages so far) He has read 53 pages so far.

- Linda is from Australia. Now she is travelling round Europe. She began her tour three months ago.  
 (she / travel / around Europe for three months) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (she / visit / six countries so far) \_\_\_\_\_
- Jimmy is a tennis champion. He began playing tennis when he was 11 years old. Now he has just won the national championship for the fourth time.  
 (he / play / tennis since he was 11) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (he / win / the national championship four times) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bill and Andy make films. They started making films together when they left college.  
 (they / make / films since they left college) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (they / make / ten films since they left college) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This time you have to imagine that you are talking to a friend. Read the situation and ask a question beginning in the way shown.  
 Example: Your friend is learning Arabic. How long have you been learning Arabic?

- Your friend is waiting for you. How long \_\_\_\_\_
- Your friend writes books. How many books \_\_\_\_\_
- Your friend writes books. How long \_\_\_\_\_
- Your friend plays football for his country. How many times \_\_\_\_\_

**C** In this exercise you have to put the verb into the correct form, present perfect simple (I have done) or continuous (I have been doing).

Examples: I \_\_\_\_\_ have lost \_\_\_\_\_ (lost) my key. Can you help me look for it?  
 You look tired. \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been working \_\_\_\_\_ (you/work) hard?

- Look! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (break) that window.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the book you gave me but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/finish) it yet.
- 'Sorry I'm late.' 'That's all right. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/wait) long.'
- Hello! I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the windows. So far I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) five of them and there are two more to do.
- There's a strange smell in here. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/cook) something?
- My brother is an actor. He \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) in several films.

**D** Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct the ones which are wrong.  
 examples: How long have Bob and Alice been married? RIGHT  
 I know Bob for five years. WRONG: have known

- 1 Sue and Alan are married since July. ....
- 2 It is raining all day. ....
- 3 How long has George been unemployed? .....
- 4 Have you always been living in this house? .....
- 5 How long has Ken a beard? .....
- 6 How long do you know Ann? .....
- 7 She has been ill for quite a long time. ....

**E** This time you have to write questions with how long?  
 Examples: Jim is learning Chinese. How long has he been learning Chinese?  
 I know Bob. How long have you known Bob?

- 1 My sister is married. How long .....
- 2 Boris is on holiday. How long .....
- 3 I live in Glasgow. ....
- 4 It is snowing. ....
- 5 Jack smokes. ....
- 6 I know about her problem. ....
- 7 Jack and Jill are looking for a flat. ....
- 8 Diana teaches English in Germany. ....
- 9 Dennis is in love with Margaret. ....
- 10 Colin has a car. ....

**F** In this exercise you have to read a sentence and then write another sentence with since or for.  
 Example: I know Bob. (for five years) I have known Bob for five years.

- 1 Jack lives in Bolton. (since he was born) Jack .....
- 2 Bill is unemployed. (since April) Bill .....
- 3 Ann has a bad cold. (for the last few days) .....
- 4 I want to go to the moon. (since I was a child) .....
- 5 My brother is studying languages at university. (for two years) .....
- 6 Tim and Jane are working in Sheffield. (since February) .....
- 7 My cousin is in the army. (since he was 17) .....
- 8 They are waiting for us. (for half an hour) .....

## 19 Exercises

**1** In this exercise you have to write questions with how long and when.  
 Example: It is raining. (how long / it / rain?) How long has it been raining?  
 (when / it / start / raining?) When did it start raining?

- 1 Ann is learning Italian.  
 how long / she / learn / Italian? .....
- when / she / begin / learning Italian? .....
- 2 I know Tom.  
 how long / you / know / Tom? .....
- when / you / first / meet / Tom? .....
- 3 Bob and Alice are married.  
 how long / they / be / married? .....
- when / they / get / married? .....

**2** In this exercise you have to put in since or for.  
 Example: Tom and I have known each other for six months.

- 1 It's been raining ..... I got up this morning.
- 2 Tom's father has been a policeman ..... 20 years.
- 3 Have you been learning English ..... a long time?
- 4 ..... Christmas, the weather has been quite mild.
- 5 Ann has been on holiday ..... three days.
- 6 That's a very old car. I've had it ..... ages.

**3** This time you have to make a new sentence beginning in the way shown.  
 Examples: I know Tom. I first met him six months ago. I have known him for six months.  
 It's been raining since 2 o'clock. It started raining at two o'clock.

- 1 Tom's ill. He became ill three days ago. He has .....
- 2 We have been married for five years. We got .....
- 3 Jim has a beard. He grew it ten years ago. He has .....
- 4 He has been in France for three weeks. He went .....
- 5 He has had his new car since February. He bought .....

**4** In this exercise you have to imagine that two people are talking. You have to make sentences with It's ... since ...

Example: A: Do you often go on holiday? (no / five years)  
 B: No, it's five years since I went on holiday.

- 1 A: Do you often eat in restaurants? (no / six months)  
 B: No, it .....
- 2 A: Does it often snow here? (no / years)  
 B: No, .....
- 3 A: Do you often play cards? (no / a long time)  
 B: .....

## 22 Exercises

## PAST PERFECT

- 1 Complete these sentences using the verbs in brackets. You went back to your home town many years and you found that many things were different.
- Example: Most of my friends were no longer there. They had left. (leave).

- 1 My best friend, Kevin, was no longer there. He ..... (go) away.
- 2 The local cinema was no longer open. It ..... (close) down.
- 3 Mr Johnson was no longer alive. He ..... (die).
- 4 I didn't recognise Mrs Johnson. She ..... (change) a lot.
- 5 Ed no longer had his car. He ..... (sell) it.

- 2 Complete these sentences as in the example. Use the verb in brackets.
- Example: Mr and Mrs Davis were in an aeroplane. They were very nervous as the plane took off because they (fly) had never flown before.

- 1 The woman was a complete stranger to me. (see) I ..... before.
- 2 Margaret was late for work. Her boss was very surprised. (be / late) She .....
- 3 Jane played tennis yesterday - at least she tried to play tennis. She wasn't very good at it because she (play) .....
- 4 It was Keith's first driving lesson. He was very nervous and didn't know what to do. (drive) He .....

- 3 Write you have to make sentences using the words in brackets.
- Example: I wasn't hungry. (I / just / have / lunch) I had just had lunch.
- Tom wasn't at home when I arrived. (he / just / go / out) .....
- We arrived at the cinema late. (the film / already / begin) .....
- They weren't eating when I went to see them. (they / just / finish / their dinner) .....
- I invited Ann to dinner last night but she couldn't come. (she / already / arrange / to do something else) .....
- I was very pleased to see Nora again after such a long time. (I / not / see / her for five years) .....

- 4 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).
- Examples: 'Was Tom there when you arrived?' 'No, he had gone (go) home.'
- 'Was Tom there when you arrived?' 'Yes, but he went (go) home soon afterwards.'

- 1 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody ..... (go) to bed.
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I ..... (go) straight to bed.
- 3 Sorry I'm late. The car ..... (break) down on my way here.
- 4 There was a car by the side of the road. It ..... (break) down and the driver was trying to repair it. So we ..... (stop) to see if we could help.

## 23 Exercises

- 1 This exercise you have to read a situation and then write a sentence.
- Example: The two boys came into the house. One had a black eye and the other had a cut lip. (they / fight) They had been fighting.

Tom was watching television. He was feeling very tired. (he / study / hard all day) He .....

When I walked into the room, it was empty. But there was a smell of cigarettes. (somebody / smoke / in the room) Somebody .....

When Mary came back from the beach, she looked very red from the sun. (she / lie / in the sun too long) .....

The two boys came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired. (they / play / football) .....

Ann woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and she didn't know where she was. (she / dream) .....

- 2 This exercise you have to read a situation and then write a sentence.
- Example: We began playing football. After half an hour there was a terrible storm. (we / had been playing for half an hour) We had been playing for half an hour when there was a terrible storm.

- 1 The orchestra began playing at the concert. After about ten minutes a man in the audience suddenly began shouting. The orchestra ..... for about ten minutes when .....
- 2 I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and began waiting. After 20 minutes I realised that I had come to the wrong restaurant. I ..... when I .....
- 3 Mr and Mrs Jenkins went to live in the south of France. Six months later Mr Jenkins died. They ..... when .....

- 3 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect continuous (I had been doing) or past continuous (I was doing).
- Examples: Tom was leaning against the wall, out of breath. He had been running (run). I tried to catch Tom but I couldn't. He was running (run) very fast.

- 1 Jim was on his hands and knees on the floor. He ..... (look) for his cigarette lighter.
- 2 We ..... (walk) along the road for about 20 minutes when a car stopped and the driver offered us a lift.
- 3 When I arrived, everyone was sitting round the table with their mouths full. They ..... (eat).
- 4 When I arrived, everyone was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty but their stomachs were full. They ..... (eat).
- 5 When I arrived, Ann ..... (wait) for me. She was rather annoyed with me because I was late and she ..... (wait) for a very long time.