

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL BURAI DAH

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CLASS: IX

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TOPIC : TENSES

Examples of Tenses – English tenses are the form the verb takes to show the time of an action. There are three major tenses in English. These include past, present, and future.

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of present tense from those given in brackets.

1. I am attempting the Civil Services exam coming up, so I (am/is) studying hard these days.
2. My grandmother (carries/carrying) a walking stick when she goes out for a walk.
3. Shashi isn't at home. She (is/are) out shopping with our father.
4. Can you speak louder please, I (am not/cannot) hear you.
5. My widower uncle often (coming/comes) to our house for lunch on Sundays.
6. Since he changed his job, he (found/has found) more time to relax and enjoy his hobby.
7. I feel proud of my team as it (performed/has performed) very well.
8. Look! They (gossip and while away/are gossiping and whiling away) their time.
9. An apple a day (keeps/is keeping) the doctor away.
10. By profession, an artist (creates/is creating) a picture whereas an author (writes/is writing) a book.

Answer:

1. am
2. carries
3. is
4. cannot
5. comes
6. has found
7. has performed
8. are gossiping and whiling away
9. keeps
10. creates, writes

2. Fill in the blanks in the telephone conversation given below with the correct present tense form of the verb given in brackets.

Sameer : Savita! How (a) (be) you? This is Sameer.

Savita: Ahhh.....Sameer! I (b) (be) fine. How are you?

Sameer: I'm great, thanks.

Savita: That (c) (be) good. So, what's up?

Sameer: Well, I (d) (has) a problem for you to solve.

Savita: Sure, just say it.

Sameer: My motorcycle (e) (be) defective. I (f) (try) to repair it for days. I (g) (not, know) what is wrong with it. I (h) (no, can, fix) it.

(a) are

(b) am

- (c) is
- (d) have
- (e) is
- (f) have been trying
- (g) do not know
- (h) cannot fix

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of past tense by selecting from the options given in brackets.

1. The other employees had already left the office but Kanika (still worked/was still working) there.
2. A small boy (fell/was falling) from the train when it was moving at full speed.
3. We saw a bus fallen into a ditch when we (went/were going) to Mussoorie.
4. Anita (burnt/was burning) her finger while she was cooking.
5. While I (waited/was waiting) for my bus Rachita was running after hers.
6. The farmer sold the crop after he (harvested/had harvested) it.
7. Indians (had fought/fought) a long struggle before they (had attained/attained) independence.
8. The train (departed/had departed) before we reached the station.

Answer:

1. was still working
2. fell
3. were going
4. burnt
5. was waiting
6. had harvested
7. had fought, attained
8. had departed

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of past tense of the verbs given in brackets.

1. Binod (bring up) by his father because his mother died when he was a baby.
2. Ramesh, who (work) in Kolkata for 10 years, is now seriously ill.
3. I once (hear) Honey Singh singing live on the stage.
4. Majid, my best friend, (stay) in Kanpur for the last five years.
5. Kritika (break) her left ankle bone while she (dance) at the party.
6. Tailor Master, are the clothes I (give) for stitching ready yet?
7. Parveen (not/write) a letter to me since last year.
8. Mummy, tell Papa that his phone (ring) while he (have) his bath.

Answer:

1. was brought up
2. has been working
3. heard
4. has been staying
5. broke, was dancing
6. had given
7. has not written

8. rang, was having

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the future tense of the verbs given in brackets.

1. (Now Nikhil (want) to move to a bigger city for a better job.
2. The famous Dr Prahlad (operate) on my uncle tomorrow to remove his tumour.
3. Sarla's mother (stay) in a rented house after her divorce gets through.
4. Prodipta (win) the wrestling bout against Vijay this evening, I'm sure.
5. I think Ranjan (start) his journey tomorrow.
6. Our Maths teacher (correct) the exam papers by Sunday.
7. I think Anil (certainly/get) good marks in the Social Science test.
8. By 7 PM, Sameera (finish) her homework.

Answer:

1. wants
2. will operate
3. will stay
4. will win
5. will start
6. will have corrected
7. will certainly get
8. will have finished

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of future tense by selecting from the options given in brackets.

1. The train (will have left/will leave) from Rajkot by 10 PM.
2. My grandfather will (have arrived/be arriving) at home by now.
3. The entertainment program (will have ended/will end) by now.
4. I think that tomorrow Ramita (is starting/will start) on her new project.
5. My class teacher (probably assigning/will probably assign) a lot of homework for the summer holidays.
6. The building contractor (will finishing/will have finished) my new house by next month.
7. I will (be completing/have completed) this task at this time tomorrow.
8. I (will be passing/will have passed) my MBA by the time you return from abroad.

Answer:

1. will have left
2. have arrived
3. will have ended
4. will start
5. will probably assign
6. will have finished
7. be completing
8. will have passed

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb (mixed tenses) given in brackets.

One day a husband and wife (a) (drive) to the countryside to visit their friends when they realised they needed to stop for petrol. The man was filling up the car when he (b) (see) a

penguin standing by the petrol pump. He (c) (think) it was very strange and when he went to the cashier to pay, he asked, “Why is there a penguin standing next to the pump?”

The cashier replied, “I don’t know. It (d) (be) there all morning.”

Answer:

(a) were driving

(b) saw

(C) thought

(d) has been