

VERB TENSE REVIEW: The Present Tenses (1)

Complete the sentences by using one of the four present tense forms (the **simple present**, the **present progressive**, the **present perfect**, or the **present perfect progressive** form) or the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- (a) So far this morning I _____ (drink) three coffees. Yesterday morning I only _____ (have) two coffees, but today I _____ (be) really tired, so I _____ (need) more coffee.
- (b) Look out the window! It _____ (be) a beautiful day today. The sun _____ (shine) and the sky _____ (be) blue. It _____ (rain) all day yesterday, but since this morning there _____ not _____ (be) a cloud in the sky.
- (c) He and his wife _____ (see) over fifteen movies this month. They usually _____ (watch) fewer movies, but this month they _____ (have) a great deal of free time and much less money because of the recession.
- (d) Catherine Downer _____ (live) in Calgary now. Last year, she _____ (meet) and _____ (fall) in love with a man from Alberta.
- (e) We _____ (belong) to a canoe club for three years. Right now the club _____ (have) difficulty recruiting new members because more and more people _____ (go) kayaking during the last few years.
- (f) This year there _____ (be) many forest fires. Forestry officials _____ (ask) citizens who visit parks and other wilderness areas to be very careful.
- (g) Last week we _____ (receive) many calls about the new policy. But this week we _____ (receive) very few calls about it.
- (h) _____ you ever _____ (eat) sushi? I _____ (have) sushi for the first time last night at a restaurant on Laurier Street. My wife Elizabeth _____ (take) me out to the sushi restaurant for my birthday.
- (i) Right now the wind _____ (blow) very hard. I don't think that the wind _____ (blow) this hard in months. Yesterday it _____ (blow) hard too, but not as hard as today.
- (j) John _____ (buy) a new pair of skates yesterday. He _____ (want) to start skating again this winter.

VERB TENSE REVIEW: The Present Tenses (2)

(A) Using the time conjunction **WHEN**, write five sentences that have one clause in the **simple present** and one clause in the **simple future**.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

(B) Write five sentences using the **present perfect progressive** to describe how long something has been occurring.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

VERB TENSE REVIEW: The Present Tenses (3)

Complete the sentences by circling the correct response.

(a) Cindy has been smiling at Peter since he first _____.

1. *has arrived* 2. *had arrived* 3. *arrived* 4. *was arriving*

(b) As soon as they _____ washing the dishes, they are going to watch television.

1. *will have finished* 2. *finish* 3. *are going to finish* 4. *will finish*

(c) Pierre and Suzanne _____ their cottage in the Laurentians for over twenty years.

1. *have owned* 2. *own* 3. *have been owning* 4. *are owning*

(d) When we _____ to New York next September, we will visit the Empire State Building.

1. *are going* 2. *will go* 3. *have gone* 4. *go*

(e) John _____ accounting at McGill this semester.

1. *studies* 2. *studys* 3. *is studying* 4. *have studied*

(f) Scot Peters _____ since he was a teenager.

1. *has been smoking* 2. *is smoking* 3. *smoke* 4. *smokes*

(g) While my friend Peter _____ in Paris next year, he intends to visit the Louvre often.

1. *will stay* 2. *has been staying* 3. *is staying* 4. *has stayed*

(h) So far today William _____ four coffees.

1. *had* 2. *will have* 3. *has been having* 4. *has had*

(i) Shelly and Dave have been married _____ July.

1. *since* 2. *during* 3. *for* 4. *in*

(j) Look at the guy over there! He _____ a really weird Halloween costume.

1. *wears* 2. *has worn* 3. *has been wearing* 4. *is wearing*

VERB TENSE REVIEW: The Present Tenses (4)

(A) Write two sentences using the **present perfect**.

1. _____

2. _____

(B) Write three sentences using the **present progressive** and the adverbial expression ***RIGHT NOW***.

1. _____

2. _____

(C) Complete the following sentences using your own words.

(a) Since last year, Peter

(b) Tomorrow when he

(c) For over two years now, Mr. Smith

(d) How long have you

(e) Right now

(f) Yesterday

(g) So far today

(h) Have you ever

VERB TENSE REVIEW: The Present Tenses (5)

(A) Write five sentences using the **simple present** to describe scheduled events.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

(B) Write five sentences using the **present progressive** to describe planned events or activities.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
