



ESL Vocabulary Worksheet for Adults

Topic: Verb Tenses

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EXERCISE 1: Present Tenses Review

1.1. Simple Present

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

1. She (to be) _____ an excellent teacher.
2. They (to study) _____ for the exam every day.
3. The Earth (to revolve) _____ around the Sun.
4. He (to speak) _____ four languages fluently.
5. Our class (to start) _____ at nine o'clock in the morning.
6. My brother (to have) _____ a collection of old coins.
7. Birds (to fly) _____ south for the winter.
8. She (to not understand) _____ the assignment.
9. The store (to open) _____ at eight o'clock and (to close) _____ at nine o'clock.
10. How often (you / to go) _____ to the gym?

1.2. Present Continuous

Instructions: Rewrite the sentences from simple present to present continuous tense.

1. She writes emails. → She _____ writing emails.
2. The sun sets in the west. → The sun _____ setting in the west.

3. I feel happy. → I _____ feeling happy.
4. They make dinner at 7 PM. → They _____ making dinner at 7 PM.
5. The cat sits on the mat. → The cat _____ sitting on the mat.
6. He always forgets his keys. → He _____ always forgetting his keys.
7. We take a walk every evening. → We _____ taking a walk every evening.
8. The baby sleeps in the afternoon. → The baby _____ sleeping in the afternoon.
9. You tell the truth. → You _____ telling the truth.
10. The birds sing beautifully. → The birds _____ singing beautifully.

1.3. Present Perfect

Instructions: Match sentences with the correct use of the present perfect tense.

1. I _____ (to see) that movie already.
2. She _____ (to not finish) her homework yet.
3. They _____ (to live) in Paris since 2005.
4. We _____ (to travel) to many countries so far.
5. He _____ (to not understand) the lesson.
6. It _____ (to rain) a lot this month.
7. You _____ (to be) to the new museum?
8. I _____ (to not decide) on my holiday destination.
9. She _____ (to study) French for two years.
10. They _____ (to not see) each other for ages.

1.4. Present Perfect Continuous

Instructions: Complete the sentences using the present perfect continuous tense.

1. They (to wait) _____ for the bus since 8 AM.
2. I (to look) _____ for you all morning!
3. She (to work) _____ on that project for three weeks now.
4. We (to watch) _____ this movie for two hours.
5. He (to learn) _____ English since last year.
6. The scientists (to research) _____ the new drug for several months.
7. You (to not sleep) _____ well recently, have you?
8. The children (to play) _____ in the garden since lunchtime.
9. She (to try) _____ to contact you all day.

10. I (to think) _____ about changing my job for a while now.



EXERCISE 2. Past Tenses Review

2.1. Simple Past

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in the simple past tense.

1. They (to go) _____ to Spain last summer.
2. She (to have) _____ a great time at the party.
3. The movie (to start) _____ at six o'clock.
4. We (to not believe) _____ what he said.
5. He (to finish) _____ his work, then (to go) _____ home.
6. I (to be) _____ very tired after the trip.
7. You (to eat) _____ at that restaurant before it closed?
8. The children (to play) _____ outside yesterday.
9. She (to not see) _____ him for several years.
10. It (to rain) _____ last night.

2.2. Past Continuous

Instructions: Create sentences using prompts to form the past continuous tense.

1. I / to read / when the lights went out. → I _____ when the lights went out.
2. She / to walk / when it started to rain. → She _____ when it started to rain.
3. They / to have / dinner at eight last night. → They _____ dinner at eight last night.
4. He / to study / all night for the exam. → He _____ all night for the exam.
5. We / to discuss / the project when the boss entered. → We _____ the project when the boss entered.
6. You / to wait / for the bus when I saw you? → Were you _____ for the bus when I saw you?
7. The dog / to bark / all evening. → The dog _____ all evening.

8. She / to not pay / attention during the meeting. → She _____ attention during the meeting.
9. The children / to play / in the park when it started to snow. → The children _____ in the park when it started to snow.
10. I / to think / about you the whole time. → I _____ about you the whole time.

2.3. Past Perfect

Instructions: Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentences in the past perfect tense.

1. After she had (to finish) _____ her work, she went to lunch.
2. They (to not see) _____ each other since high school.
3. I (to read) _____ the book before I watched the movie.
4. We (to complete) _____ the project by the time he asked for it.
5. He (to never hear) _____ such a beautiful song before that moment.
6. You (to eat) _____ by the time I arrived at the restaurant?
7. The train (to leave) _____ by the time we got to the station.
8. She (to not realize) _____ the importance of the meeting until later.
9. They (to live) _____ in the neighborhood for ten years before moving out.
10. I (to not think) _____ about the consequences before making the decision.

2.4. Past Perfect Continuous

Instructions: Fill in the gaps with the past perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. He (to sleep) _____ for ten hours when I woke him up.
2. They (to look) _____ for her ring for two hours before they found it.
3. I (to work) _____ on the report for six months before it was published.
4. We (to plan) _____ our trip for weeks before we finally booked it.
5. She (to try) _____ to solve the problem all day before she
6. The students (to prepare) _____ for the exam for the entire semester.
7. You (to wait) _____ long before the doctor arrived?

8. He (to not feel) _____ well for several days before he went to the hospital.
9. They (to discuss) _____ the issue for hours without reaching a conclusion.
10. She (to study) _____ English for years before moving to the United States.

EXERCISE 3: Future Tenses Review

3.1. Simple Future

Instructions: Write sentences about future plans using the simple future tense.

1. I (to travel) _____ to Japan next year.
2. She (to start) _____ her new job on Monday.
3. They (to move) _____ to a new house next month.
4. We (to have) _____ a meeting tomorrow at ten.
5. He (to buy) _____ a new car as soon as he saves enough money.
6. You (to go) _____ to the concert next weekend?
7. The company (to launch) _____ the new product in April.
8. I (to not be) _____ available until after 3 PM.
9. She (to finish) _____ her degree by the end of this year.
10. They (to celebrate) _____ their anniversary next week.

3.2. Future Continuous

Instructions: Convert the simple future sentences into future continuous tense.

1. She will start her job. → She _____ starting her job.
2. We will travel in July. → We _____ traveling in July.
3. He will work late tonight. → He _____ working late tonight.
4. I will study tomorrow. → I _____ studying tomorrow.
5. They will build a new house. → They _____ building a new house.
6. You will wait for the results. → You _____ waiting for the results.
7. The sun will rise at 6 AM. → The sun _____ rising at 6 AM.
8. We will have dinner at that restaurant. → We _____ having dinner at that restaurant.
9. She will be staying with her cousin. → She _____ staying with her cousin.

10. The team will be playing a match. → The team _____ playing a match.

3.3. Future Perfect

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the future perfect tense.

1. By next month, I (to complete) _____ the project.
2. She (to finish) _____ her book by this evening.
3. They (to return) _____ from their vacation by the weekend.
4. We (to reach) _____ our fundraising goal by the end of the year.
5. He (to repair) _____ the roof before the rains start.
6. You (to graduate) _____ from university by next summer?
7. The scientists (to discover) _____ a cure by then, we hope.
8. I (to not see) _____ him for three years by the time he returns.
9. She (to work) _____ here for a decade by the time she retires.
10. They (to not complete) _____ the construction before the deadline.

3.4. Future Perfect Continuous

Instructions: Formulate questions using the future perfect continuous tense.

1. How long (you / to work) _____ on this by the end of the year?
2. How long (she / to live) _____ there by the time we visit?
3. How long (they / to study) _____ French before they go to France?
4. How long (we / to be) _____ in this city by next month?
5. How long (he / to train) _____ for the marathon by race day?
6. How long (you / to wait) _____ for the appointment by the time it starts?
7. How long (she / to teach) _____ at the school by the end of the term?
8. How long (they / to build) _____ the bridge by the projected completion date?
9. How long (I / to run) _____ my own business by the time I'm 50?
10. How long (you / to know) _____ each other by your anniversary?



EXERCISE 4. Mixed Tenses Practice

4.1. Identifying Tenses

Instructions: Identify the tense of each sentence and explain the time reference.

1. She has been studying all night.
2. They were eating when I arrived.
3. I will have finished the report by tomorrow.
4. He was walking his dog when it started to rain.
5. We have lived in this house for ten years.
6. You will be working on that project next week, won't you?
7. She had been waiting for an hour before the train finally came.
8. They are going to start a new business next year.
9. I had finished my homework by the time my parents got home.
10. We were planning to go to the beach, but it started to storm.

4.2. Error Correction

Instructions: Find and correct the tense errors in the sentences.

1. She doesn't knowing the answer.
2. They was waiting for the bus when it arrived.
3. I am finish my homework by the time you get here.
4. We were ate dinner when the phone rang.
5. He have been reading that book for a month now.
6. You will be surprises how much the city has changed.
7. They has been living in Berlin since 2005.
8. She will goes to the store after work.
9. We was been to that new restaurant last night.
10. He don't understand why she was upset.

4.3. Sentence Conversion

Instructions: Rewrite sentences from active to passive voice in different tenses.

1. They are building a new museum. → A new museum (is being built).
2. She wrote the letter yesterday. → The letter (was written) yesterday.
3. The company will launch the product next month. → The product (will be launched) next month.
4. We have completed the report. → The report (has been completed).
5. He was washing the car when it started to rain. → The car (was being washed) when it started to rain.
6. You must submit the application by Friday. → The application (must be submitted) by Friday.
7. They are going to paint the house next week. → The house (is going to be painted) next week.
8. She has sent the emails. → The emails (have been sent).
9. The chef was preparing the meal when the guests arrived. → The meal (was being prepared) when the guests arrived.
10. They will have completed the building by the end of the year. → The building (will have been completed) by the end of the year.

4.4. Tense Completion

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct tense to complete the short story.

Story:

Last year, I (to decide _____) to learn Spanish. So, I (to start _____) taking classes at a language school. I (to study _____) there for a few months when I (to meet _____) my current best friend, Carlos. He (to be _____) from Spain and (to move _____) to my city just a year before. By the time we (to meet), I (to not be) very good at Spanish, but I (to

improve_____) quickly with his help. Now, we (to plan_____) a trip to Spain together for next summer. By the time we leave, I (to hope_____) to (to become_____) fluent!



EXERCISE 5. Real-Life Application

5.1. Writing a Short Essay

Instruction: Write a short essay using a variety of tenses to describe a memorable experience.

Prompt:

Describe the most memorable event you have attended. What made it unforgettable? Use different verb tenses to talk about the preparations leading up to the event, the event itself, and its aftermath.

5.2. Dialogue Creation

Instruction: Create a dialogue between two characters using a mix of tenses to reflect changes in time.

Prompt:

Write a conversation between two old friends who are catching up after ten years. They should discuss what they have done in the past decade, what they are currently doing, and what their plans are for the future.



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