

## English Tenses - Test - **Answers**

### **A - Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps.**

- 1) I sometimes go to the cinema. (to go)
- 2) Yesterday our teacher was ill. (to be)
- 3) It will not rain in the West the next night. (not/to rain) also correct: won't rain or 'll not rain
- 4) Listen! The baby is crying (to cry) also correct: 's crying
- 5) We are going to ride our bikes soon. (to ride) also correct: 're going to ride
- 6) My father has not cleaned the family car. It still looks dirty. (not/to clean)  
also correct: hasn't cleaned or 's not cleaned
- 7) On Sundays the students do not get up early. (not/to get up) also correct: don't get up
- 8) Have you ever visited Wales? (ever/you/to visit)
- 9) We are feeding the pets now. (to feed) also correct: 're feeding
- 10) They wrote an essay last month. (to write)

### **B - Which answers are correct?**

#### **1) What are typical signal words for the Simple Present?**

- a) yesterday
- b) just
- c) sometimes
- d) every day
- e) at the moment
- f) often

#### **2) What are typical signal words for the Simple Past?**

- a) yesterday
- b) ever
- c) now
- d) three days ago
- e) in 1995
- f) last month

#### **3) What are typical signal words for the Present Perfect?**

- a) just
- b) already
- c) yet
- d) Look!
- e) usually
- f) two hours ago

#### **4) What are typical signal words for the Present Progressive?**

- a) next week
- b) Listen!
- c) never
- d) at the moment
- e) yesterday
- f) now

**5) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Present?**

- a) He is from Japan.
- b) We are not going to feed the pets.
- c) Anne does not play chess.
- d) We play soccer every weekend.
- e) She is listening to an audio book.
- f) Do they go for a walk?

**6) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Past?**

- a) I lived in Odessa from 1985 to 1986)
- b) Emily has just come home from school.
- c) They play tennis every Friday afternoon.
- d) There will be some rain in the East.
- e) Did you phone me last night?
- f) Yesterday my friend invited me to his party.

**7) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Perfect?**

- a) We aren't phoning now.
- b) I have a brother.
- c) She hasn't visited her uncle for half a year.
- d) Have you ever been to Edinburgh?
- e) Last year I was in Salt Lake City.
- f) I've forgotten my homework.

**8) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Progressive?**

- a) Wait a moment! I'll carry this box for you.
- b) I'm making a cheese cake right now.
- c) Last year we were in France.
- d) Have you already had a cup of tea yet?
- e) Are you cleaning the floor?
- f) Are you from New Zealand?

**9) Which sentences/questions are in the will-future?**

- a) He'll never make it.
- b) We won't be at your party.
- c) Does this train leave from platform 12?
- d) They are coming to the party.
- e) Pat is not going to fly to Paris in May.
- f) I think Sue will arrive at 6 o'clock.

**10) Which sentences/questions are in the going to-future?**

- a) Are they in the school choir?
- b) Are they going to look for a present?
- c) She has never been to Africa.
- d) The teacher is checking the homework.
- e) I am not going to send a text message to Bob.
- f) Christine is going to walk to town.

**C - Which form is correct?**

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| 1)<br>a) we is playing<br>b) we are plaing<br>c) <u>we are playing</u> | 6)<br>a) Andy run<br>b) <u>Andy runs</u><br>c) Andy rans                         |
| 2)<br>a) he sung<br>b) he singed<br>c) <u>he sang</u>                  | 7)<br>a) <u>Max tries</u><br>b) Max trys<br>c) Max try                           |
| 3)<br>a) <u>Susan has written</u><br>b) Susan have written             | 8)<br>a) she understood<br>b) <u>she understood</u>                              |
| 4)<br>a) I were<br>b) <u>I was</u>                                     | 9)<br>a) you are been<br>b) <u>you have been</u><br>c) you has been              |
| 5)<br>a) they be<br>b) <u>they will be</u>                             | 10)<br>a) <u>it is going to rain</u><br>b) it are going to rain<br>c) it is rain |

**D - Form affirmative sentences using the given words.**

**they / to play / cards**

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|------------------------|---|
| 1) Simple Present      | <u>They play cards.</u>   |
| 2) Simple Past         | <u>They played cards.</u>   |
| 3) Present Progressive | <u>They are playing cards.</u> or <u>They're playing cards.</u>             |
| 4) Present Perfect     | <u>They have played cards.</u> or <u>They've played cards.</u>              |
| 5) will-future         | <u>They will play cards.</u> or <u>They'll play cards.</u>                  |
| 6) going to-future     | <u>They are going to play cards.</u> or <u>They're going to play cards.</u> |

**E - Rewrite the sentences using long or contracted forms.**

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| 1) She's not from Cardiff.             | <u>She is not from Cardiff.</u>   |
| 2) We are reading a novel.             | <u>We're reading a novel.</u>   |
| 3) They have booked a flight.          | <u>They've booked a flight.</u>   |
| 4) I'll carry this bag for you.        | <u>I will carry this bag for you.</u>                                   |
| 5) He did not make breakfast.          | <u>He didn't make breakfast.</u>  |
| 6) You aren't going to learn the poem. | <u>You are not going to learn the poem.</u>                             |
| 7) She's not played the trumpet.       | <u>She has not played the trumpet.</u>                                  |
| 8) It will not be windy tonight.       | <u>It won't be windy tonight.</u> or <u>It'll not be windy tonight.</u> |
| 9) He's wearing an old shirt.          | <u>He is wearing an old shirt.</u>                                      |
| 10) We don't like fish.                | <u>We do not like fish.</u>   |

**F - Negate the following sentences.**

- 1) Tony arrived in Chicago at 11.30.     Tony did not arrive in Chicago at 11.30.     also correct:  
    Tony didn't arrive in Chicago at 11.30.
- 2) We are cleaning the kitchen.     We are not cleaning the kitchen.     also correct:  
    We aren't cleaning the kitchen.
- 3) The shop assistant has checked     The shop assistant has not checked the cash register.      
the cash register. also correct:     The shop assistant hasn't checked the cash register.
- 4) The train leaves from platform 7.     The train does not leave from platform 7.     also correct:  
    The train doesn't leave from platform 7.
- 5) Susan likes cheese.     Susan does not like cheese.     also correct:  
    Susan doesn't like cheese.
- 6) You'll like this village.     You'll not like this village.     also correct:  
    You will not like this village.     also correct:  
    You won't like this village.
- 7) They are going to buy a cheap car.     They are not going to buy a cheap car.     also correct:  
    They aren't going to buy a cheap car.
- 8) He has invited Andy to his party.     He has not invited Andy to his party.     also correct:  
    He hasn't invited Andy to his party.
- 9) Mary was late.     Mary was not late.     also correct:  
    Mary wasn't late.
- 10) Mel will be 14 next Sunday.     Mel will not be 14 next Sunday.     also correct:  
    Mel won't be 14 next Sunday.