

Practice Lesson No. 1

Fill in the blanks with the simple present or present progressive form :

1. The boys generally to their uncle's house for the holidays, but this year they there. (go, not go)
2. My nephews here tomorrow. They usually their vacation here. (arrive, spend)
3. I some light literature, such as novels and short stories during my vacation. (read)
4. He generally a gray suit, but today he a white one. (wear, wear)
5. He rarely an umbrella, but he one today. (carry, carry)
6. Ravi....his homework, still his brother, who always quicker has finished his and in the garden. (do, work, play)
7. I you a copy of airport. How do you like the book ? (notice, have)
8. Ask the man what he (want)
9. You to enjoy this film, I don't really. (seem)
10. I usually to college. But, today I in my brother's car.(walk, go)
11. Who that funny noise ? It is our uncle. He his nose. (make, blow)
12. Those two boys who each other so strongly are my nephews. They medicine. (resemble, study)
13. Don't disturb him, he (work)
14. Children to play on the sand. (love)
15. I what his name is. (forget)

Answers

1. go, aren't going, 2. are arriving, spend, 3. read, 4. wears, is wearing, 5. carries, is carrying, 6. is doing, works, is playing, 7. notice, are having, 8. wants, 9. seem, 10. walk, am going, 11. is making, is blowing, 12. resemble, are studying, 13. is working, 14. love, 15. am forgetting.

Practice Lesson No. 2

Fill in the blanks with correct tense form (Past simple/Present perfect) :

1. I..... this work; I.....it last month. (read)
2. I its author; Ihim at a conference in Chennai. (see)
3. My father several books. He his eighth novel last month.
(write, finish)
4. Where is Ganesh ?
I.....him after he left home in the morning . (not see)
He..... mother this morning that he would be in for lunch. (tell)
5. Do you know that lady, who the shop ? (just leave)
Yes, that's Mrs. Sharma, why ?
She..... here several times but she anything. (be, not buy)
6. I.....my lunch. I it half and hour ago. (have, have)
7. All the guests..... They..... half an hour ago. (leave)
8. I to bring my English text book. I..... to bring it yesterday
too. (forget, forget)
9. Iall my life in the village. (live)
10. I my spectacles can you help me to find them ? (mislay)

Answers

1. have read, read, 2. have seen, saw, 3. has written, finished, 4. haven't seen, told, 5. just left, has been, hasn't bought, 6. have had, had, 7. have left, left, 8. have forgotten, forgot, 9. have lived, 10. have mislaid.

Practice Lesson No. 3

Fill in the blanks with simple past or past continuous tense forms given verbs :

1. Ravi some letters when I to see him. (write, go)
2. He across the road when a bicycle him. (walk, hit)
3. She her finger when she potatoes. (cut, slice)
4. The lights when we at dinner. (go off, be)
5. Mother into the kitchen and that the milk over.
(go, find, boil)
6. As he the bus, it with a jerk. (get off, start)
7. While the priest the sermon, some people out of the window.
(preach, look)
8. He his pen while he yesterday evening. (lose, play)
9. When we the station, the train (reach, just leave)
10. The telephone bell ringing when I to bed. (start, just go)

Answers

1. was writing, went, 2. was walking, hit, 3. cut, was slicing, 4. went off, were, 5. went, found, was boiling, 6. was getting off, started, 7. was preaching, were looking, 8. lost, was playing, 9. reached, was just leaving, 10. started, was just going.

(c) Past Perfect Tense

Past perfect tense describes an action completed before some special past moment.

[पूर्ण भूतकाल से यह ज्ञात होता है कि दूसरे कार्य/घटना के आरम्भ होने के पूर्व कोई घटना/कार्य घटित हो चुका था]

Structure—Subject+ had + verb in third form.

Ex. —The train had left before we reached the station.

Practice Lesson No. 4

Fill in the blanks with simple past or past perfect forms :

1. By the time the doctor the patient (arrive, die)
2. The teacher they could go home when the work assigned to them. (say, complete)
3. We..... the poem after the teacher it to us. (understand, explain)
4. Several hours before the match the spectators the stadium. (begin, pack)
5. I wish you your application by the due date. (submit)
6. Jain to get a first class. He only a second class and was naturally disappointed. (hope, get)
7. They hungry because they.... nothing to eat since the previous evening. (be, have)
8. I my friend for many years and he a lot; so, when I him last week, I him at first. (not see, change, meet, not recognise)
9. When we the cinema hall, the film already. (reach, begin)
10. When he twenty, he his father's business. (be, join)

Answers

1. arrived, had died, 2. said, had completed, 3. understood, had explained, 4. began, had packed, 5. had submitted, 6. had hoped, got, 7. were, had, 8. had not seen, had changed, met, didn't recognise, 9. reached, had begun, 10. was, had joined.

Practice Lesson No. 5

Use appropriate form of verbs :

1. Rajesh.....out of the bank when a policeman..... him.
(just came, catch)
2. I..... down to my work, when I was transferred again.(hardly settle)
3. The man in the story.....the goose that..... a golden egg every day.
(kill, lay)
4. This quarrel..... on for too long. It must stop now. (go)
5. The man who now is our candidate for the Assembly Constituency. (Speak)
6. We.....heavy rains in this place for the last two weeks. (have)
7. Mr. Sami..... for his glass for nearly ten minutes when he found he ...
them all the time. (look , wear)
8. My son.....coarse rice. He..... any rice for a week now because
our ration shop.....short of fine rice. (not like, not eat, run)
9. I.....some trouble with my eyes for a week now. I not able to
need anything. (have, be)
10. Ranjan.....his breakfast when the taxi arrived. The taxi had to wait.
(not have)

Answers

1. Had been coming, caught, 2. hardly settled, 3. killed, had been laying, 4. had been going, 5. had been speaking, 6. had, 7. had been looking, wore, 8. didn't like, hadn't have, ran, 9. had been having, was, 10. hadn't have.

Practice Lesson No. 6

Fill in the blanks with shall/will + verb, be going to + verb or present simple/present continuous that express future :

1. I find an extra plate on the table.
Who to dinner ? (come)
2. We have telephoned to the police.
They here any moment. (be)
3. I.....at home next week. I for Delhi tonight. (not be, leave)
4. There are dark clouds in the sky. I think it (rain)
5. The roof has caught fire. I am afraid it stand back. (fall)
6. My programme—
I office in the forenoon.
I for Chennai by the 2-30 plane.
I my business in Chennai in an hour and the 6-30 plane back to Hyderabad. (Attend, leave, finish, take)
7. Mr. Ahmed present at the meeting next week. He abroad. (not be, go)
8. The rule says that in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman the chair. (take)
9. Isn't it too hot inside ?
I the windows if you like. (open)
10. Did you see the notice on the notice board.
The annual examination on the 15th. It on 31st, March and college the same day for the summer vacations. College on 15th, June. (begin, end, close, reopen)

Answers

1. is coming, 2. will be, 3. shall not be, am leaving, 4. will rain, 5. will fall, 6. will attend, will leave, will finish, take, 7. will not be, is going, 8. will take, 9. shall open, 10. begins, ends, closes, reopens.

Practice Lesson No.7

Change the Tenses as directed :

1. He sang a song. (Past continuous)
2. She was cutting a tree. (Past simple)

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| 3. I will write to you. | (Past perfect) |
| 4. The boys are working. | (Future continuous) |
| 5. Mother will be angry. | (Present simple) |
| 6. He has sung a song. | (Future simple) |
| 7. The police arrested him. | (Future continuous) |
| 8. He will buy a car. | (Present progressive) |
| 9. She sold the house. | (Future perfect) |
| 10. They are cutting the tree. | (Present perfect) |

Answers

Note—Only verb form is changed for changing tenses. The rest of the sentence remains unchanged.

[केवल क्रियापद परिवर्तित होता है। शेष वाक्य अपरिवर्तित रहता है।]

1. he was singing, 2. cut, 3. had written, 4. will be working, 5. is, 6. will sing, 7. will be arresting, 8. is buying, 9. will have sold, 10. have cut.