

Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Review

Write the following sentences in the *PRESENT, PAST and FUTURE CONTINUOUS* tenses. Add the necessary time markers.

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| 1. | I try to help them. | |
| | Present Continuous | |
| | Past Continuous | |
| | Future Continuous | |
| 2. | She eats her lunch between classes. | |
| | Present Continuous | |
| | Past Continuous | |
| | Future Continuous | |
| 3. | We talk to the teacher. | |
| | Present Continuous | |
| | Past Continuous | |
| | Future Continuous | |
| 4. | Who looks after the store? | |
| | Present Continuous | |
| | Past Continuous | |
| | Future Continuous | |

Intermediate 1 – Exercise 5 – Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Review

Supply the correct tense of the verb.

1. Mr. Henderson _____ (*work*) for that company in 1989 and 1990.
2. I always _____ (*take*) the bus to work.
3. You _____ (*catch*) a cold tonight if you don't put your coat on.
4. I _____ (*sleep*) soundly when the phone rang.
5. We _____ (*have*) an examination in mathematics tomorrow.
6. It always _____ (*snow*) in the mountains in December. Look! It _____ (*snow*) now.
7. _____ (*listen*) to him. What he is saying is important.
8. When you _____ (*arrive*) this evening, I _____ (*work-probably*) in my house.
9. The store _____ (*open*) every day at nine o'clock.
10. If you come tomorrow at six, we _____ (*eat*) dinner.
11. John, please _____ (*open*) the window. It is very warm in this room.
12. The rain _____ (*stop*) as I _____ (*walk*) to school this morning.
13. We _____ (*get*) up early tomorrow morning and go fishing.
14. Listen! I think your cell phone _____ (*ring*).
15. They _____ (*travel*) in Europe at present.
16. The package _____ (*arrive*) yesterday, just as I _____ (*go*) to lunch.
17. He _____ (*drive*) to the lake once a week.
18. We _____ (*work*) in our garden all day yesterday.
19. I _____ (*wait*) almost two hours for Linda this morning.
20. He _____ (*take*) a walk in the park tonight.
21. He _____ (*enter*) university in the fall.
22. We _____ (*buy*) our sports car two years ago.
23. John seems to be very busy. I guess he _____ (*prepare*) his English lesson.
24. While John _____ (*take*) his music class, his friend arrived.
25. They _____ (*learn*) how to swim many years ago.
26. Peter _____ (*go*) to Prince Edward Island this spring.
27. They _____ (*sell*) their home last week.

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28. Hurry! The subway train _____ (*come*); I _____ (*need*) to catch it.

Fill in the blanks with the verbs in parentheses conjugated in SIMPLE PRESENT / PAST / FUTURE or PRESENT / PAST / FUTURE CONTINUOUS.

1. They _____ (*return*) sometime next month.
2. I _____ (*to be - neg.*) busy yesterday.
3. Please _____ (*close*) the door.
4. He often _____ (*help*) me with my lessons.
5. I _____ (*write*) a letter to my mother this morning.
6. The wind _____ (*blow*) very hard now.
7. Tomorrow Carrie _____ (*be*) absent.
8. Rosa _____ (*wear*) a new jacket today.
9. They _____ (*build*) a new house on Willow Drive. They hope it will be finished by the end of the summer.
10. Jane _____ (*buy*) a new watch today.
11. _____ (*write*) to your grandmother last month?
12. We _____ (*eat*) our breakfast at the same time every day.