

English Grammar Exercises

TENSES

Exercise 1: Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

1. Sarah usually (go) to the gym in the evenings, but today she (stay) home.
2. The sun (shine) brightly, and the birds (sing) in the trees.
3. Every morning, I (drink) a cup of coffee before I (start) work.
4. What (you/do) right now? I (watch) TV.

Exercise 2: Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

1. While I (read) a book, the phone (ring).
2. Last night, we (have) dinner when the power (go) out.
3. When the accident (happen), Tom (drive) to work.
4. She (study) for hours, and finally, she (understand) the concept.

Exercise 3: Future Simple vs. Future Continuous

1. By this time next year, I (graduate) from college.
2. Tomorrow at this time, they (have) dinner with their friends.
3. By the end of the week, she (complete) the project.
4. This time next week, we (relax) on the beach.

Exercise 4: Present Perfect vs. Past Perfect

1. I (never/eat) sushi before I went to Japan.
2. By the time we arrived, they (already/leave).
3. She (visit) three different countries since she (start) traveling.
4. When I (arrive) at the party, everyone (already/dance).

Exercise 5: Mixed Tenses

1. While I (watch) TV, the pizza delivery guy (arrive).
2. By the time you (read) this, I (already/leave) for my vacation.
3. Next weekend, we (go) camping if the weather (be) good.
4. I (live) in this city for ten years, and I (never/see) such a beautiful sunrise.

Answers:

Exercise 1:

1. goes, is staying
2. is shining, are singing
3. drink, start
4. are you doing, am watching

Exercise 2:

1. was reading, rang
2. were having, went
3. happened, was driving
4. had studied, understood

Exercise 3:

1. will have graduated
2. will be having
3. will have completed
4. will be relaxing

Exercise 4:

1. had never eaten
2. had already left
3. has visited, started
4. arrived, were already dancing

Exercise 5:

1. was watching, arrived
2. read, have already left
3. will go, is
4. have lived, have never seen

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