

A) Insert the Present Progressive or the Simple Present.

I am a 43-year-old civil engineer and I **0.(still to try)** to improve my English after 25 years away from school because I **1 (to need)** it for my job where I **2.(often to read)** handbooks and journals in English. At the moment I **3.(to work)** for a big multinational company in the north of Italy but next year I **4.(to want)** to work in England, I **5.(not/to go)** to English classes now but I have to speak English at conferences or when I am visiting another country for work. I **6.(to have)** problems understanding people with strong or unusual accents so every time I **7.(to travel)** in my car I listen to a cassette or CD in English. I have got a lot of English videos at home too and I try to watch at least one film in English every week.

However, reading is the most important thing for me and I **8.(enjoy)** reading newspapers and magazines in my free time. To tell the truth I order about six magazines in English a month through the Internet ! At the moment I **9.(to read)** an Australian magazine and I **10.(to enjoy)** it a lot. I also use the Internet to download a lot of American songs and to write e-mails in English to my friends and colleagues abroad.

The only problem is that my family think I **11. (to spend)** too much time in front of my computer and not enough time with them, but at least I **12.(to practice)** my English.

B) Build up correct sentences.

1. I / see / Joe / last Sunday.
2. we / never / meet / them.
3. she / have / already / breakfast.
4. he / go / to Venice a week ago?
5. you / ever / be / to Cambridge?
6. they / live / in that house for 15 years.
7. we / not meet / them yesterday.
8. Bob / not bring / the umbrella.

C) Insert the Present Perfect or the Simple Present.

1. When _____ the company? (to join)
2. _____ in Pakistan? (to work).
3. That's the best presentation _____ (to hear)
4. He's the most difficult customer _____ (to discuss with)
5. _____ to him last week. (to speak)
6. We _____ a binding contract last year and it is still valid. (to sign)
7. The reason I look so brown is that _____ from a business trip to Barbados (to just - come back)
8. Sales _____ in 1995 but then _____ in 1996. (to fall – to rise)
9. You _____ to a word _____ (not to listen – to say)
10. It's obvious that _____ this report. (not to read)

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CC2

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- What you did he few days before Christmas
- What you did on Christmas day (describe everything in detail)
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- Where and how you spent the 31st of last December
- A conclusion about your holidays.
- Your hopes for the New year, at school, at home and with friends

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CC3

You and your friend Philip are at the Chinese restaurant. You have not seen for a long time. Your friend asks about the last concert you attended and he tells you about his last school trip to Vicenza.

Write the dialogue.

CC4. Underline the correct alternative

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CC5. Insert the correct verb form

1. We (**to study**) English for 10 years now.
2. I just (**to see**) the most nice-looking guy ever.
3. She must (**to buy**) a new picture in the sitting room. I never (**to see**) it before.
4. Mary (**to get up**) late yesterday because she (**to have to**) go on a school trip.
5. The train to Oxford (**to be**) always late.
6. They often (**to be**) very tired at night.
7. They (**to fly**) to the U.S.A. on the 31st October to celebrate Halloween.
8. We (**to study**) English in Cambridge for three months when we left for Berlin (**to improve**) our German.
9. When Mary (**to arrive**) home from school, her sister (**to leave**) already.
10. She (**to come**) home, (**to close**) the window and (**to go**) to her room immediately..
11. If he (**to see**) how nice you look he surely (**to kiss**) you.
12. They (**to fly**) to London if they (**to have time**)
13. It (not **to rain**) for the whole season.
14. (**to eat**) too much is not well for one's health.
15. Not (**to cross**) the street before (**to watch**) on your right.
16. He could see her (**to dance**) in the dark.

CC6. Insert the correct verb form

1. She (not to go) far when she just (to leave).
2. Mario (to study) German for 10 years.
3. Why she (not to listen) to her mother? Now, she (to have) to pay for her mistakes.
4. I (to look) at the window when my mother (to come) into my room.
5. (not to talk) to him now: he (to study) for tomorrow's test.
6. We (to leave) for Paris on the 23rd of December.
7. There are so many clouds in the sky. It (to rain)
8. Since when you (to play the piano)? Since 1978.
9. They think they (to go out) this evening.
10. At three o'clock Mary (to read a book) and her mother (to do the washing up)
11. He went out, (to take) his car and (to leave) for the nearby village.
12. Where (to be)? You are all wet! (To take off) that sweater!

CC7. Insert the correct verb form

1. She (to study) for three hours when she (to decide) to go out and relax.
2. When the telephone (to ring) Mary (to watch) TV.
3. Her father (to come) home, (to go) to the bathroom and had dinner with the family.
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6. Who (to get up) at seven every day?
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8. I f I (to be) I (to buy) that car.
9. Would you like (to visit) the States?
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CC8. : Insert the correct verb form

1. She paid for her ticket and ... (to leave)
2. How many times ... since he came to New York? (he to call)
3. I ... about this for some time now. (to know)
4. They ... television – their favourite programme is on at the moment. (to watch).
5. The children are filthy. Where ... ? (they to be).
6. I am going to bed. I ... for hours and I am tired. (to work)
7. I think she is the nicest person I (to meet).
8. I agree: I ... you should apologize. (not to think).
9. When I shouted they ... off the roof and ... away (to jump/ to run).
10. Don't phone her just now. She ... to her boss. (to talk)
11. Oh! You ... a shave! You look strange without a beard. (to have)
12. I ... military service for eighteen months. This is my last month. (to do)
13. Mary will be ready soon. She ... a bath at the moment (to have)
14. Sorry, I ... : could you say that again, please (not to understand)
15. We ... in the café until the rain stopped and then went home. (to stay)
16. ... here before? (you to be)
17. I signed the register an ... upstairs to my room. (to go)
18. How many times ... him since he went to Edinburgh? (you to see)
19. Peter and Jane ...: I can hear them from my room (to argue)
20. I ... him since he started working here. (never/to trust)
21. I am worried. Why ... yet? (they not to arrive)
22. They're very angry. They ... to see you for the last two or three hours. (to try).
23. It's the most comfortable car I ... (ever to drive)
24. ... that we should tell him tomorrow? (you to agree)
25. When he warned them about the police, they ... the country (to leave).
26. Don't make a noise: the children ... to sleep. (to try).
27. Oh! You ... a new dress! (to buy)
28. She ... here for several years –four or five now, I think (to work)
29. He'll be ready in a moment. He ... his shoes. (to clean)
30. I think I ... him somewhere before. (to see)

CC 9. Write the dialogue.

Yesterday evening you were walking along Oxford Street when you happened to meet Mark. You had not seen him since your high school days. He greeted you and you returned his greetings and then started a conversation: we spoke for more than half an hour. We went into a pub and asked each other questions about our studies, job, partners, hobbies and plan for the future. Mark told me everything about him and so did I. At half past six I had to leave him because I had to see a doctor. Before leaving he invited me to his birthday party next Saturday at The Piper. There will be a lot of old friends. It was a really nice surprise and I am looking forward to meeting all the people there.

D. Insert the correct verb form

1. She (not to go) far when she (realize) she (to forget) to turn off the cooker.
2. Mario (to study) German for 10 years now.
3. Why she (not to listen) to her mother? Now, she (to have) to pay for her mistakes.
4. When I (to look) at the window I realized somebody (to throw) a big stone against it.
5. (not to talk) to him now: he (to study) for tomorrow's test.
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9. they think they (to go out) this evening.
10. At three o'clock Mary (to read a book) and her mother (to do the washing up)
11. He (to work) as a carpenter for 10 months when he realized it was not his kind of job and (to decide) to change it.
12. he went out, (to take) his car and (to leave) for the nearby village.
13. where (to be)? You are all wet!

E. Complete with a suitable verb tense

0 Have I ever told (I/ever/tell) you the joke about The Irishman in New York?

- A. I (1) (be) in North Yorkshire for ten years when I bought the house but I still (2) (not/understand) the local dialect. Admittedly, I (3) (not/try) very hard.
- B. The detective (4) (take) some fingerprints after he (5) (examine) the corpse. Then he (6) (make) a phone call to his partner "Something quite interesting (7) (happen),"he said quietly down the phone. "I (8) 8take fingerprints as usual around the murder area when suddenly I (9) (notice) an earring on the ground. You'd better come over here fast!"
- C. The journalists (10) (not wait)until the White House Spokesperson (11) 8finish speaking. They all just (12) (start) talking straight away. They (13) (wait) all night for this important announcement and now, at last, the information was official.
- D. She (14) (work) all week on that experiment. She certainly needs to take a break even if she (15) (not/make) any important discoveries yet.
- E. (16) (I/tell) you the story about what (17) (happen) to me during my holiday in Spain?
- F. We (18) not/walk for long when suddenly we came upon the path we (19).... (look for). It was narrower than we (20) (imagine) and steeper too. The weather (21) (also/get) worse. But now that we (22) (come) this far we (23) ,,,,,, (can/not/turn) back.

F. Insert the correct verb form

1. When you (to go) to Paris for the last time?
2. What (to happen) while you (to study) in your room?
3. How long (to work) in this factory now?
4. It was 7: 00 o'clock p.m. and the guys (to come out) of the gym
5. They not (to know) him for a long time when they (to discover) he was a thief.
6. We (to play) the piano for 10 years and then we (to decide) to create a band.
7. She (to leave) the room and (to go out).
8. When they arrived home they found out, their mother just (to leave).
9. They have just said they (to study) harder to pass the exam
10. Look at her! She just (to cross) the street even if the lights (to be) red.
11. We (to have dinner) when our friends (to call) us on the phone.
12. you (to be) so red. Where (to be)?

G. Write a letter to your best friend and tell her/him about your last Christmas holidays. Also, tell her /him about your plans for the next Carnival time that is very near. Remember to say:

- Where you are spending it
- If you are going to meet some special friend or not
- What you would like to eat and drink
- And, last but not least, where you think you'll spend the last day of Carnival

H Insert the correct verb form:

1. If I had more time, I (come) to your party yesterday.
2. Give the book to Jane if you (read) it.
3. If you hadn't lost our flight tickets, we (be) on our way to the Caribbean now.
4. If you (have) dinner right now, I'll come back later.
5. If we (set) off earlier, we wouldn't be in this traffic jam now.
6. What would you do if you (accuse) of murder?
7. If I hadn't eaten that much, I (feel / not) so sick now.
8. We would take another route if they (close / not) the road.
9. She only (sing) if she's in a good mood.
10. If she were sensible, she (ask) that question, by which she offended him so much.

I: Insert the correct option

Cycling is becoming more and more popular as a healthy way of getting about in cities, but as a result, cycle theft is also on the rise. So what **(a)** **D** you do to make sure your bike is still there when you need it? Generally speaking, you **(b)** to make it harder to steal. First, you **(c)** always lock your cycle securely. You **(d)** that a simple chain is enough, but thieves **(e)** easily cut through these, so get a strong cycle lock. Some bike owners even remove parts of the bike so it **(f)** Your bike **(g)** where it is easy to steal, so try to leave it inside a building. If the worst happens and your bike is stolen, it will be easier to recover if you have a record of the number, this **(h)** on the frame of the bike, and a photo of the bike.

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| a) A might | B will | C need | D can |
| b) A need | B must | C should | D can |
| c) A will | B can | C have got | D should |
| d) A might to think | B might think | C might thinking | D might have thought |
| e) A can | B should | C have to | D must |
| f) A won't ride | B mustn't ride | C cannot be ridden | D couldn't be ridden |
| g) A mustn't leave | B has not to be left | C shouldn't be left | D can't leave |
| h) A can't have been | B must | C is bound to be | D ought to be |

L: Insert the correct verb form

1. Peter was meeting someone that night, so I at the office and for a few hours. (stay/work)
2. I think I ... him somewhere before (see)
3. He'll be ready in a moment. He ... his shoes (clean)
4. We ... in the sunshine for about 25 minutes when I suddenly felt sick. (sit).
5. When he arrived home he to his room and ... the TV on. (go/put).
6. She ... in that office for a long time now. She would like to change. (to work)
7. They the Christmas tree when one of the glass balls ... down and (decorate/fall/drop)
8. The boys are freezing. Where ? (they be)
9. It was the longest journey they (ever take).
10. If I (not wake up) in time, I (to miss) the train
11. (to go) to the theatre or we (to go) to the disco, Mary?
12. (to open) the door for me, please?
13. I (to help) you with your homework? No, thanks. I think I (to be able) to manage.

M. Complete the sentences in reported speech.

1. "Be careful, Ben," she said.
→ **She told Ben** ---
2. "I will get myself a drink," she says.
→ **She said** ---
3. "Why haven't you phoned me?" he asked me.
→ **He wondered** ---
4. "I cannot drive them home," he said.
→ **He said** ---
5. "Peter, do you prefer tea or coffee?" she says.
→ **She asked Peter**
6. "Where did you spend your holidays last year?" she asked me.
→ **She asked me**
7. He said, "Don't go too far."
→ **He advised her**
8. "Have you been shopping?" he asked us.

N. Complete with the correct form of the verb

Jeff: What you (to do), Pam?

Pam: Reading.

Jeff: And where are Mark and Kate

Pam: They (to go) to the zoo. They (to go) after lunch.

Jeff: And what time they (to be back)?

Pam: Oh, at about six o'clock, I suppose. Why?

Jeff: Well, Aunt Joan (to come) to tea as you know.

Pam: Aunt Joan? Today? She never (to come) on Saturdays. And today isn't 21st.

Jeff: No, but she (to phone) last week to say that she was coming today instead. You (not to remember)?

Pam: I don't know anything about it.

Jeff: Oh dear. Perhaps I (to forget) to tell you. When the phone (to ring), you (to wash) your hair, so I spoke to her.

Pam: Oh dear, Jeff. It's three o'clock. She (be) here in an hour!

O. Insert the correct verb form

1. He never (to go) to bed early and so he (to be) always tired.
2. I generally get up early but this week I (to get up) later because I am on holiday.
3. Water (to boil) at 100 grades Celsius.
4. On he 3rd of the next Month I (to fly) to the USA
5. She (to cook) when her friend entered the kitchen and kissed her.
6. Would you like (to dance) with Jim?
7. He (to be married) to Jane since he was 32
8. Madonna (to sing) in Spain for three years when she was called back to the States
9. How (to come back) Mary from school last Monday?
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U. Write a few paragraphs about your last row.

It is always very difficult to get on well with parents especially when you asking them for permission to go out in the evening to the disco or a party with your boy/girl friend at night. They are always seriously worried about something.

V. You are a school journalist. You must post an article on the school online magazine. You decide to interview Adele and post it online. Use the resources below to get organized, ADELE'S BIOGRAPHY



Adele Laurie Blue Adkins was born May 5, 1988 in London, England. Her passion for music developed at a young age. Her music awakening appeared when she heard a collection of Ella Fitzgerald and Etta James records. Straying away from school, Adele made a three-track demo for a class assignment and even posted it on her MySpace page. It caught the attention of the managers at XL Recordings.

In 2008, Adele released her debut album, 19, named after her age at the time she started recording, which featured the hit tracks "Hometown Glory" and "Chasing Pavement." Adele's popularity quickly tripled in size when she put on an entertaining performance on Saturday Night Live in October 2008. Originally, ranked No. 40 on iTunes, her album jumped to No. 1 minutes after the SNL taping. Adele's success continued and she took home the BRIT award for Critics' Choice and won the 2009 Grammy for Best New Artist.

Adele's second album, 21, also named after her age when she began recording it, was released in 2011. The album's classic R&B and jazz sound turned into a huge hit, selling over 352,000 records in the first week. Her commercially big hits, "Rolling in the Deep" and "Someone Like You," amplified Adele's success in 2011. In February of that year, Adele had two top-five tracks and two top-five albums, becoming the first artist to beat out the Beatles' 1964 milestone. In 2012, Adele won six Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year.

On June 29, 2012, Adele announced her pregnancy with her boyfriend, Simon Konecki. In an interview with People magazine, Adele voiced her thoughts on her pregnancy: "I really want to be a mum. I better start getting on with it!" She went on to say that her goal was to pop out three sons before she turned 30.

Activity Z



You are writing to a German friend you met at a School of English in London three years ago. Here is what you want to write to her/him:

- è da molto tempo che non ho tue notizie: va tutto bene?
- io mi sono laureata (*to graduate*) da qualche mese e da allora sto cercando un lavoro, ma non ho ancora trovato niente
- nel frattempo ho iniziato a studiare il tedesco
- ti ricordi di Bernard e Geraldine, i due francesi che frequentavano (*to attend a course*) il corso con noi
- erano in Italia e passavano (*to pass through*) per Pisa così mi hanno telefonato e ci siamo incontrati
- sono sposati ormai da due anni
- Bernard lavora all'università (se ti ricordi faceva già ricerche da qualche anno quando era a Londra) e Geraldine insegna inglese (*to do research*)
- mi hanno chiesto di te: ci hanno invitate/i ad andarli a trovare in luglio
- sarebbe bello rivederci assieme
- quali sono i tuoi programmi per l'estate?
- scrivimi presto