

Present Tenses (Simple and Continuous)

1. _____ how old I am? (YOU KNOW)
2. How _____ to work? – I _____ by car, but today Jack _____ me up (YOU GET, USUALLY GO, PICK)
5. Jane's husband _____. (NOT SMOKE)
6. Why _____ on your coat? – I _____ for a walk. – _____ to come with me? (YOU PUT, GO, YOU WANT)
7. I _____ lottery tickets, but I never _____ anything. (ALWAYS BUY, WIN)
9. _____ to him today? – Yes, I always _____ to him on his birthday. (YOU WRITE, WRITE)
10. Can you hear that? The car _____ such a strange noise. – It's OK. It always _____ like that. (MAKE, SOUND)
11. The plane that you _____ at right now _____ for Paris. (LOOK, LEAVE)
12. What _____ to his car? – I think he _____ it. (HE DO, POLISH)
13. Susan _____ to her parents every Sunday. In fact, she _____ to them today. (WRITE, WRITE)
14. Stop at once! You _____ the flowers every time the ball _____ in the garden! (DESTROY, LAND)
15. Where is Kevin? I can't find him anywhere. – He _____ with Sue in the garden (PLAY).
16. She normally _____ in London, but this weekend she _____ with some friends in Liverpool. (LIVE, STAY)
17. I don't know what's wrong with Kelly. She _____ so clumsy these days. (BE)
19. What _____ for a living, Claire? – Well as a secretary, I _____ emails for my boss all the time. (YOU DO, WRITE)
23. Anne _____ all her clothes herself. At the moment she _____ a dress for a fancy dress party (MAKE, MAKE).
24. He _____ coffee for breakfast, but today he _____ tea (USUALLY HAVE, HAVE).
25. I can't go home now because it _____, and I _____ an umbrella. (RAIN, NOT HAVE).
26. Stop doing that! You _____ (ALWAYS PARK) your car on my parking space.
27. The sun _____ in the east and _____ in the west (RISE, SET)
28. Who _____ that terrible noise outside? – It's Dad. He _____ the lawn. (MAKE, MOW)
29. I _____ this weekend near the coast. I _____ there nearly every weekend. (SPEND, GO)
30. She _____ thirty cigarettes a day but at the moment she _____ to stop. (SMOKE, TRY)
31. We _____ breakfast together every Sunday morning. (HAVE)
32. What's that smell. – It's in the kitchen. Something _____. (BURN)
33. Who _____ to on the phone? – It's my friend Carry. (YOU SPEAK)
34. I _____ overtime this month because I _____ up some money to buy a new car. (WORK, SAVE)
35. The moon _____ around the earth (GO)
40. The plane that _____ Heathrow at 9.15 is on schedule. (LEAVE)
41. Julia _____ her dirty clothes on the floor for me to pick up! Who does she think I am? Her maid?? (ALWAYS LEAVE)
42. Demi _____ so stubborn about this. I don't know what _____ wrong with her. (BE, BE)

Mixed tenses

Wonderkids

Infant prodigies in the cinema have been with us for a long time. The older generation still _____ (remember) Shirley Temple, Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. Some of these talented child stars _____ (go) on to shake off the "wonderkid" label later in life and _____ (manage) to become successful adult actors. Others, on the other hand, _____ (continue) to appear in films but with very little of the success they _____ (have) as children. Sadly, the majority of them _____ (disappear) soon after their first appearance and cinema-goers _____ (not/see) them since. Our generation _____ (also/produce) its fair share of child stars or "superbrats" as some movie magazines _____ (refer) to them. These young stars _____ (make) not only name for themselves but also a lot of money. In recent years on the big screen, we _____ (see) Lukas Haas play the boy who _____ (witness) a murder in the film *Witness*. He _____ (make) other movies since then, but he _____ (not/become) a big name in Hollywood. The most famous of the superbrats is undoubtedly Macaulay Culkin who _____ (earn) as much as, if not more than, the most expensive superstars in Hollywood.

Word formation

1. *The most useful twentieth – century invention*

A magazine _____ (RECENT) asked people what they thought the most useful _____ (INVENT) of the last century was. It is a very _____ (INTEREST) question, since technology has _____ (TRANSFORM) our lives today. Lots of people said cars, but I _____ (AGREE). Although cars have made life easier in some ways, I believe they have serious _____ (ADVANTAGE). The worst thing about cars is that they are so _____ (NOISE). They also cause a lot of _____ (POLLUTE). Other people said TV. Of course, _____ (ENTERTAIN) will never be the same again and it can be _____ (RELAX) to watch TV after a long day. However, I don't think we should forget the _____ (EDUCATE) value of reading a good book.

2. *The language of clothes*

We don't usually choose clothes to make us look _____ (ATTRACT) we also use them to tell the world about our _____ (PERSON). The clothes we wear and our _____ (APPEAR) as a whole give other people _____ (USE) information about what we think and how we feel. If we feel _____ (CHEER), we usually wear _____ (COLOUR) clothes and if we feel depressed, we sometimes put on dark clothes. But why do _____ (TEENAGE) wear black so _____ (FREQUENT)? Is it because they feel _____ (MISERY) all the time? This is unlikely to be the case. It is probably just because it is _____ (FASHION) to wear black?

3. *My clever little sister*

My little sister is only eight but she is very _____ (INTELLIGENCE). She is one of the _____ (GOOD) students in the school, but is also very good at sports, which is _____ (USUAL). What's more, she is a _____ (TALENT) musician. We are very _____ (PRIDE) of her because she came first in a music _____ (COMPETE). She already plays the violin very _____ (GOOD) and she wants to be a _____ (PROFESSION) musician. The house is very _____ (NOISE) when she is practicing, and it is a bit _____ (IRRITATE) when I'm doing my homework.

4. *Fame*

The most _____ (SUCCESS) pop group in history was the Beatles and the most _____ (EXCITE) bands of the 1960s and 1970s were male bands. The Spice Girls were _____ (USUAL) when they became _____ (FAME) in the 1990s, but now female pop groups are not only common but quite _____ (INTEREST) from a _____ (MUSIC) point of view as well. But what happens when a schoolgirl suddenly becomes very _____ (WEALTH) and well known? She leaves behind the _____ (BORE) life other girls lead, earns a lot of money and buys _____ (EXPENSE) clothes. She gets _____ (INVITE) to trendy parties. Does a shy girl become boastful and forget all her old school-friends?

5. *Hollywood forever?*

Apart from television, the cinema is the most popular form of _____ (ENTERTAIN) for most people because it is still relatively _____ (EXPENSIVE). Hollywood is, of course, the capital of the _____ (NATION) cinema industry. Hollywood movies make up _____ (ROUGH) 75% of all the films we watch at our local cinemas. Although we may find it difficult to remember the names of _____ (ITALY) and French movie stars, Hollywood stars, such as Sylvester Stallone and Meryl Streep are _____ (HOUSE) names all around the world. Moreover, only Hollywood seems to make certain kinds of films _____ (SUCCESS).

_____ (MUSIC) are one example but we can also include westerns, although for a time "spaghetti westerns" (made in Italy) were quite _____ (FASHION) with cinema goers. But cowboys and Indians are really a Hollywood _____ (SPECIAL) and they are still going strong after all these years. Such films, however, have not remained _____ (TOUCH) by time and changes in attitudes. The cowboys are no longer always the goodies as they were in the 1940s.