

Grammar Worksheet

TENSE and VERB FORMS

EXERCISE 1. Choose the correct answers to complete the correspondence between Jaime Richards and Tricia Wong.

Dear Jaime,

Thank you for the email that you **(1) sent / send / have sent** a few days ago regarding Sean Collin's new film. We are pleased by the response we **(2) get / got / have gotten** since we published the review of the new film last month. I am happy to tell you that the first screening of the movie **(3) would be held / will be held / has been held** for the first time this upcoming Friday night at the local theater downtown.

We delayed providing this information because we **(4) are waiting / have waited / have been waiting** for some promotional tickets for the past few days, but we have not received them **(5) yet / before / already**. We **(6) regret / regretted / have regretted** the delay in advertising the movie information, but we're sure you **(7) enjoy / will enjoy / will have enjoyed** Collin's latest movie when you see it!

Sincerely,

Tricia Wong, Producer

EXERCISE 2. Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

As we mature, we have no trouble **(1) _____ (understand)** that if someone disappears behind a door, they continue to exist. Babies, on the other hand, have a hard time **(2) _____ (believe)** that something exists if they cannot see it. **(3) _____ (Play)** peek-a-boo with a baby is one way to help them learn that objects are permanent.

Some children also fear discipline. Discipline can be used **(4) _____ (help)** raise emotionally stable, happy children. However, inconsistent discipline is considered **(5) _____ (be)** confusing to children. **(6) _____ (help)** children understand the reasons for the discipline is important. You can do this by **(7) _____ (explain)** what they did wrong, without shouting or getting angry.

The **(8) _____ (socialize)** of children requires **(9) _____ (teach)** them appropriate ways of expressing strong feelings, including the greatest fear: rejection. For young children, it is natural **(10) _____ (hit)** someone when they feel rejected or are angry with other children. However, when children are playing, parents or caregivers should supervise closely enough **(11) _____ (monitor)** how the children are behaving and be prepared to teach them appropriate social behavior.

EXERCISE 3. Aunt Harriett

Pam and Jason are looking at family pictures with their dad. Read their conversation.

There are eight mistakes in the simple past verb forms. The first mistake is already corrected. Find and correct seven more.

Jason: Who's in this picture, Dad?

D ad: You never **did knew** (the correct variant: **knew**) her, but this is your Great Aunt Harriett.

Pam: She your dad's sister?

D ad: No, she didn't. She was my Uncle Hubert's wife. She born in Chicago in 1935.

Jason: Why she wear that funny uniform?

D ad: She work as a nurse.

Pam: It's a great picture of her. Who did take it?

D ad: Great Uncle Hubert. He had a very nice camera, and he use it very well.

EXERCISE 4.

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1. The police arrested the suspect, Martin O'Grady, last night. O'Grady _____ charged with two counts of assault.

A has

B had

C has been

D had been

2. I can't believe Allan _____ from his job of 15 years for such a minor mistake.

A fires

B fired

C got fired

D gets fired

3. Mei Ling _____ a few people for the new position at the company, but her company has decided not to hire anyone.

A is considering

B was considering

C is being considered

D was being considered

4. The United States _____ 50 states.

A makes up

B is making up

C is made up of

D is making up of

5. Freddy is going to _____. I'm surprised he's confident enough to style his own hair!

A cut his hair

B get his hair cut

C have his hair cut

D have had a hair cut

6. Viking artifacts in Newfoundland _____ evidence of the first settlements founded in North America.

A believed that

B believed to be

C are believed that

D are believed to be

EXERCISE 5. Beauty Salon of Boston

Read this passage on the Beauty Salon of Boston website. Complete the passage with the correct verb forms. Write the letter of the best answer on each line.

1. If you want personalized service and exceptional quality, then you **b (a. came b. 've come c. 've been coming)** to the right place.
2. Women all over Boston **(a. have been talking b. have talked c. talked)** about Beauty Salon of Boston for the past three years.
3. Beauty Salon of Boston **(a. has been open for b. has been open since c. has opened for)** 2002.
4. Since then, we **(a. opened b. 've been opening c. 've opened)** a second store.
5. We **(a. already have become b. 've already become c. 've become already)** Boston's favorite salon, according to *The Globe's* "Reader's Favorites."
6. We **(a. 've been b. 've been being c. was)** their favorite for the past two years.
7. You **(a. haven't never seen b. 've ever seen c. 've never seen)** a beauty salon like ours.
8. What's the secret to our success? We **(a. 've provided b. provided c. 've been provided)** quality service at affordable prices since the very beginning. So what are you waiting for? Click here to set up an appointment today for your own personal beauty treatment!

EXERCISE 6.

Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Remember to include the proper form of an auxiliary verb (i.e., *be, have, will*, etc.) if necessary.

1. Jaime _____ **(play)** basketball for the last couple of hours. She must still be there.
2. Anton _____ **(sentence)** to five months in prison yesterday for stealing a number of cars.
3. Elliot _____ **(fly)** to a number of different countries last year.
4. The plane _____ **(crash)** somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.
5. Rodney _____ **(look)** very frustrated at the moment.
6. Even more than 50 years after his death, Einstein _____ **(consider)** to be one of the most influential physicists of all time.
7. I'm so excited for this trip. This time tomorrow, the three of us _____ **(relax)** on a sunny beach in the Bahamas.
8. My sister just _____ **(her car / wash)** for free by the staff at the auto service place that just opened.

9. Marissa wasn't hungry when we met her because she _____ **(eat)** lunch before meeting us.

10. Alexandra _____ **(consult)** for us on a few different projects already this year.

ANSWER KEY

EX:1.

1. Sent
2. Have gotten
3. Will be held
4. Have been waiting
5. Yet
6. Regret
7. Will enjoy

EX: 2.

1. Understanding
2. To believe
3. Playing
4. To help
5. To be
6. To help
7. Explaining
8. Socialization
9. To teach
10. To hit
11. To monitor

EX:3.

Was she

She wasn't

She was born

Was she wearing

Was working

Took

Had

Used

EX:4.

C

C

B

C

A

D

EX:5.

1.B

2.A

3.B

4.C

5.B

6.A

7.C

8.A

EX:6.

1. Has been playing
2. Was sentenced
3. Flew
4. Crashed
5. Is looking
6. Is considered
7. Will be relaxing

8. Has hadwashed

9. Had eaten

10. Has consulted