

Tenses Review

Language Focus**Simple Present Tense**

- Habits : "I have Italian lessons every day," Ashley said.
- Permanent situations / Truth : My aunt has a farm in California.
- Instructions : "Be gentle to the cows," Aunt Stella said.

Present Continuous Tense

- On-going actions : I guess my aunt is feeding the sheep at the moment.
- Temporary actions : My cousins are staying at my house these days.
- Planning : I am going back to Hong Kong tomorrow.

Present Perfect Tense

- Past actions with no clear time reference : I have just returned from Italy.
- Unfinished actions continue up to the present : I have learnt Italian for two months.

Simple Past Tense

- Past actions : I went there in late July.
- Past habits : I milked the cows every day when I was in California.

Simple Future Tense VS "be going to"

- Predictions VS Evidence-based predictions
 - I think I will go there once again at Christmas.
 - Ashley is taking a book with her. She is going to have her Italian lesson.
- On-the spot decision VS Planning
 - I'm not free now. I'll call you later.
 - Cynthia is packing her suitcase. She is going to visit her cousins for a few days.

A. Choose the correct answer.

1. The Italians (are / were / will be) friendly.
2. Martin (is / has been / was) to California before.
3. Ashley (get / has got / got) an email from her Italian friend last night.
4. Martin (is making / made / is going to make) a phone call to his aunt now.
5. "I (don't finish / didn't finish / haven't finished) my summer assignments yet," Martin said.

6. "I (speaks / have spoken / spoke) Italian every day during the trip," Ashley said.
7. Cynthia's cousins (visit / visited / have visited) her twice a year.
8. The summer holiday (end / has ended / will end) in three weeks.
9. One of Cynthia's cousins (study / has study / is going to study) in Hong Kong.
10. Cynthia's father (has worked / worked / is going to work) in Shanghai since November.

B. There is ONE mistake in each sentence. Underline it and make correction. If a word is omitted, put a ^ in the space where it should be inserted and write the word on the line provided. If there is an extra word, cross it out and write it on the line.

1. Martin already milked two cows. _____
2. Martin has just came back from the States. _____
3. The three children talked about their holiday now. _____
4. Ashley joins an exchange programme to Paris four years ago. _____
5. Ashley is going to study in Rome at the moment. _____
6. Did anybody spoke English during the Italian lessons? _____
7. Aunt Stella returned to Hong Kong every year. _____
8. "We send you the information soon," the woman said to Ashley on the phone. _____
9. Cynthia is tidying up the guest room because her cousin John stays at her house for some time. _____
10. Martin is thinking about studying in the States. He has stayed with his aunt if he really goes to California. _____

C. Choose the best answer by blackening the circles.

1. Interviewer: Why do you want to study in Italy?

Ashley: It's because I ... there once and I ... their culture.

- A. am, have loved B. will be, am loving
 C. was, love D. have been, love

2. Interviewer: The Italians ... little English.

Ashley: So I ... Italian these days.

- A. speak, am learning B. is owning, has visited
 C. owns, visited D. has owned, visits

3. Aunt Stella ... a farm in California. Martin ... her in last year's summer.

- A. own, has visited B. is owning, has visited
 C. owns, visited D. has owned, visits

4. Cynthia's cousins ... at her house during the summer holiday. Cynthia ... to take them to many places.

- A. stay, has decided B. are going to stay, decides
 C. has stayed, will decide D. are going to stay, has decided

5. Ashely's sister ... in the States since 2003. She ... to Hong Kong two months later.

- A. studies, is going to return B. is studying, has returned
 C. has studied, returns D. has studied, will return

6. Aunt Stella ... to California in 1980. She ... her husband three years later.

- A. moves, will meet B. moved, met
 C. has moved, met D. will move, has met

7. "Shanghai ... more and more prosperous. It ... one of the most prosperous cities in the world," John said.

- A. becomes, will be B. has become, is going to be
 C. has became, has been D. became, was

8. "I ... the bed for John now and I ... the bed sheet in a minute," Cynthia said.

- A. am making, will change B. have made, will change
 C. have made, changed D. made, have changed

