**Some Basic Tenses: Exercises**

**1. Put the verb in the bracket into the correct tense:**

***a. Will future or going-to future?***

Our teacher announced that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) an English grammar test next week.

I hope it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) too difficult.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) really hard for it.

***b. Simple present or present progressive?***

*Two days later:*

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) here at my desk, studying for the English grammar test.

All my friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the football match on TV, but I have to study.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) for at least one hour every day.

***c. Simple present or present perfect?***

*The day of the test:*

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) at this school for three years now and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never / work) so hard for any test before.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) really nervous now.

***d. Present perfect or simple past?***

*After the test:*

Wow, this test \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) so hard!

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never / write) such a difficult test before!

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) studying for it seven days ago!

***e. Mixed tenses:***

For my 18th birthday next week I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a really big party. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) it for a long time. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (send) out the invitations three weeks ago. I hope all my friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be able to come). We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) lots of music. At the moment, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a band or a DJ, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not find) one yet. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not order) the food yet, either. People usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (like) salads and antipasti, so I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (order) some of those. I think that people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) some drinks, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (also / buy) a few cases of beer. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look forward to) my party! I think it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a great success.

**2. Translate the following sentences into English.**

a. Ich bin seit letzter Woche stolzer Besitzer eines neuen Smartphones.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. Ich habe es im Internet bestellt, und es ist am vergangenen Montag angekommen.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. Seit acht Tagen verbringe ich nun die meiste Zeit mit dummen Spielen.

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d. Sogar in diesem Augenblick spiele ich ein Spiel.

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e. Ich lege es nur weg, wenn ich etwas esse, oder wenn ich schlafe.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

f. In der Schule werde ich es aber ausschalten.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

g. Ich habe Angst, dass meine Noten sonst schlechter werden.

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**Some Basic Tenses: Exercises (Suggested Solution)**

**1. Put the verb in the bracket into the correct tense:**

***a. Will future or going-to future?***

Our teacher announced that we \_\_\_\_**will write**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) an English grammar test next week.

I hope it \_\_\_\_**won’t be**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) too difficult.

I **‘m going to study**\_\_\_\_\_ (study) really hard for it.

***b. Simple present or present progressive?***

*Two days later:*

I **‘m sitting**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) here at my desk, studying for the English grammar test.

All my friends \_\_**are watching**\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the football match on TV, but I have to study.

I \_\_**study**\_\_\_\_\_ (study) for at least one hour every day.

***c. Simple present or present perfect?***

*The day of the test:*

I **‘ve been**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) at this school for three years now and I \_\_\_**have never worked**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never / work) so hard for any test before.

I \_\_\_\_**am**\_\_\_ (be) really nervous now.

***d. Present perfect or simple past?***

*After the test:*

Wow, this test \_\_\_\_**was** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) so hard!

I \_\_**have never written**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never / write) such a difficult test before!

I \_\_\_**started**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) studying for it seven days ago!

***e. Mixed tenses:***

For my 18th birthday next week I **‘m going to have**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a really big party. I **‘ve planned**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) it for a long time. I \_\_\_**sent**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (send) out the invitations three weeks ago. I hope all my friends \_\_\_**will be able to**\_

\_\_\_**come**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be able to come). We **‘re going to have**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) lots of music. At the moment, I **‘m looking**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a band or a DJ, but I \_\_\_**haven’t found**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not find) one yet. I \_\_\_**haven’t ordered**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not order) the food yet, either. People usually \_\_\_**like**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (like) salads and antipasti, so I **‘m going to**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (order) some of those. I think that people \_\_\_\_**will**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) some drinks, but I **‘m also going to buy** \_ (also / buy) a few cases of beer. I **‘m looking forward to**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look forward to) my party! I think it \_\_**will**\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a great success.

**2. Translate the following sentences into English.**

a. Ich bin seit der letzten Woche stolzer Besitzer eines neuen Smartphones..

\_\_\_\_\_**I have been the proud owner of a new smartphone since last week.**

b. Ich habe es im Internet bestellt, und es ist am vergangenen Montag angekommen.

\_\_\_\_\_**I ordered it on the internet, and it arrived last Monday.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. Seit acht Tagen verbringe ich nun die meiste Zeit mit dummen Spielen.

**For eight days now I have been spending most of my time with stupid games.**

d. Sogar in diesem Augenblick spiele ich ein Spiel.

\_\_\_\_\_**I’m playing a game even at this (very) moment.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e. Ich lege mein Smartphone nur weg, wenn ich etwas esse, oder wenn ich schlafe.

\_\_\_**I only put down my smartphone when I eat or when I sleep.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

f. In der Schule werde ich es aber ausschalten.

\_\_\_\_**I’m going to shut it off when I’m at school.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

g. Ich habe Angst, dass meine Noten sonst schlechter werden.

\_\_\_\_**I’m scared that otherwise my grades will get worse.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_