**Some Basic Tenses: Rules**

*I. Read the following sentences and note down the tenses of the underlined verbs.*

1. Hi, my name is Paul. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. I moved to Freiburg four years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Ever since then I’ve gone to school here. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. I have just finished *Realschule* here. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. I joined a football club a few years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. I’ve been a member for three years now. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. But at the moment I’m trying out bicycling. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. After school I am definitely going to study. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. I don’t know if I’ll be able to stay in Freiburg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. But I’m sure it will also be nice in another town. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. In the summer holidays we often go to Italy . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. I love the ice-cream there! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. I usually get an ice-cream cone every evening. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Look at this picture from our last holidays. I am just getting an ice-cream from my favourite ice-cream stall. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*II. Match the sentences to the functions for the individual tenses that are described in the table below. Add the signal words from the sentences, and further ones.*

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| ***We use the ...*** | sentence(s) number: |
| **Simple present:** | |
| - to talk about permanent situations and things that are generally true. |  |
| - to express habits and routines. |  |
| ***Signal words:*** | |
| **Present progressive:** | |
| - to talk about events or activities that are happening right at this moment (also for describing pictures). |  |
| - to refer to events or activities that are happening (for a limited time) around this moment, though possibly not exactly now. |  |
| ***Signal words:*** | |
| **Present perfect:** | |
| - to talk about something that has begun in the past and is still going on. |  |
| - to talk about something that has just been finished. |  |
| ***Signal words:*** | |
| **Simple past:** | |
| - for events or activities that were completed in the past. |  |
| ***Signal words:*** | |
| **Will future** | |
| - for predictions. |  |
| - to talk about events in the future which we cannot influence. |  |
| **Going-to future** | |
| - to talk about plans (usually in the near future). |  |

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

*I. Read the following sentences and note down the tense of the underlined verbs.*

1. Hi, my name is Paul. \_\_\_\_\_**simple present**\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. I moved to Freiburg four years ago. \_\_\_\_\_**simple past**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Ever since then I’ve gone to school here. \_\_\_\_\_**present perfect**\_\_\_\_\_

4. I have just finished *Realschule* here. \_\_\_\_\_**present perfect**\_\_\_\_\_

5. I joined a football club in 2011 . \_\_\_\_\_**simple past**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. I’ve been a member for three years now. \_\_\_\_\_**present perfect**\_\_\_\_\_

7. But at the moment I’m trying out bicycling. \_\_\_\_\_**present progressive**\_\_

8. After school I am definitely going to study. \_\_\_\_\_**going-to future**\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. I don’t know if I’ll be able to stay in Freiburg. \_\_\_\_\_**will-future**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. But I’m sure it will also be nice in another town. \_\_\_\_\_**will-future\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. In the summer holidays we often go to Italy. \_\_\_\_\_**simple present**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. I love the ice-cream there!

\_\_\_\_\_**simple present**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. I usually get an ice-cream cone every evening.

\_\_\_\_\_**simple present**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Look at this picture from our last holidays. I am just getting an ice-cream from my favourite ice-cream stall. \_\_\_\_\_\_**present progressive**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ © Ulrich Herlyn

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| ***We use the ...*** | sentence(s) number: |
| **Simple present:** | |
| - to talk about permanent situations and things that are generally true. | **1, 12** |
| - to express habits and routines. | **11, 13** |
| ***Signal words:*** **often, usually, normally, regularly, etc.** | |
| **Present progressive:** | |
| - to talk about events or activities that are happening right at this moment (also for describing pictures). | **14** |
| - to refer to events or activities that are happening (for a limited time) around this moment, though possibly not exactly now. | **7** |
| ***Signal words:*** **just (now), at the moment, these days, etc.** | |
| **Present perfect:** | |
| - to talk about something that has begun in the past and is still going on. | **3,6** |
| - to talk about something that has just been finished. | **4** |
| ***Signal words:.* (ever) since (then), for (three years, two weeks), just, etc.** | |
| **Simple past:** | |
| - for events or activities that were completed in the past. | **2,5** |
| ***Signal words:*** **(four years) ago, in (2011), last week, yesterday, etc** | |
| **Will future** | |
| - for predictions. | **10** |
| - to talk about events in the future which we cannot influence. | **9** |
| **Going-to future** | |
| - to talk about plans (usually in the near future). | **8** |