

HOMEWORK

Present Continuous / Simple Past

Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses,

My English is really getting better. I _____(*try*) to learn the language since 1985, but only recently have I been able to make some real progress. By the time I started high school in 1988, I _____(*study*) the language for almost three years; however, I was only able to introduce myself and utter a few memorized sentences. For a couple more years, I _____(*struggle*) through grammar and vocabulary lessons, which made absolutely no difference. Nothing worked, so I decided to study abroad.

I found an exchange program in England that sounded like the perfect answer. I _____(*stay*) with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I _____(*sit*) there the whole time staring at the host mother and father hoping that there would be some breakthrough. Nothing.

When I returned, I mentioned to a friend that I _____(*have*) problems with the language for years. He recommended that I spend a year in an English speaking country. I decided to go abroad again. I _____(*research*) exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.

Well, it worked. I _____(*live*) and _____(*study*) in the U.S. for more than two years. I _____(*stay*) here for at least another year before I return home. By then, I should be completely fluent.

ANSWERS KEY:

1. 've been trying
2. 've been studying
3. struggled
4. stayed
5. sat
6. am having
7. researched
8. 've been living
9. studying
10. am staying

TOEIC 5-6 Text Completion

Teacher's Manual

In Part VI you will read four passages of text, such as an article, a letter, a form and an e-mail. In each reading passage there will be three blanks to fill in. You will read four possible choices for each blank. You should read the entire passage to make sure you choose the correct choice in context.

Public Notice: Landscaping Job

(1)The city council has recently agreed to spend an estimated five billion Yen _____ the city park near the Sky Tower.

- a. has developed
- b. will be developed
- c. develop
- d. to develop**

(2)Local landscaping contractors are encouraged to check the city council website (www.skytower.cc.org) in regards to how to bid ____ work for the project.

- a. about
- b. in
- c. at
- d. on**

(3)All bids _____ submitted by July 21, 1957

- a. were
- b. must be**
- c. will be
- d. have been

10 January 2012

Ms. Sakitsap Uso
TV5
U2f Momabaho st.
Buffalo, New York

Dr. Ms. Uso

(4) I am writing to request permission to use portions of your recent episode about the Health Documentary on the "Heart Attack" in your recent episode of your show _____ November 1st.

- a. **aired**
- b. covered
- c. hunted
- d. portrayed

(5) All excerpts from your television show would only be shown to heart patients. As an educational institution _____ limited means

- a. which
- b. that
- c. **with**
- d. were

(6) We are unable to pay for any of the content with monetary compensation, but we would give your show proper _____ as the sole provider of the content

- a. evaluation
- b. remuneration
- c. destination
- d. **recognition**

And by doing so you may gain knowledge to our patients. I look forward to your response, and on a personal level, must say how much I enjoy your show.

Sincerely,

Dr Bob Ong
San Luksa Clinica
Cardiology Department

To: Baltic and Company <balticnco@yahoo.mail>
From:EmBecil@shopping.net>

Mr. Baltic,

(7) Thank you for your letter informing us that your sales kit package _____ contains many products.

- a. still
- b. already**
- c. not yet
- d. no longer

(8) Over the weekend, our customers experienced special _____

- a. disc
- b. discounts**
- c. technique
- d. technically

(9) Our valued customers insist to prolong the promo we will notify you when discounts _____ resumed.

- a. are
- b. had
- c. have been**
- d. will have been

To: BobOng@illegal.com>
From: Barbaric Jones<barbara@paperpaper.net>
Date: July 18th
Subject: Quotation correction

Dear Mr.Ong,

(10)This letter is to inform you of a mistake in the last quotation _____ on Dec 4th.

- a. we will send
- b. that was sent**
- c. we are sending
- d. to send

(11)In the quotation we incorrectly typed the costing. By mistake we did not charge you the correct amount which _____ Y150, 000.00 and not Y15, 000.00

- 1. should have been**
- 2. will be
- 3. has been
- 4. will being

(12)We apologize for the error. If it is convenient for you, we will just resend the correct quotation ____ your next order.

- a. about
- b. over
- c. on**
- d. up

Homework

TRUE or FALSE

1. A preposition is always followed by a "noun".
2. Phrasal verbs always consist of two words.
3. The past tense of "must" is "musted".
4. The verb "to think" is never used in continuous tenses.
5. Questions always use an auxiliary verb.
6. "Used to doing" and "used to do" mean approximately the same thing.
7. The word "people" is always uncountable.
8. The shortest possible sentence contains a subject, a verb and an object.
9. The main verb and the direct object are not normally separated.
10. The auxiliary verb "to do" is never used in the present simple affirmative.