

15 Technology Around Us

Tenses – Present, Past & Future

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Grammar Explained

We use different tenses to show different times when the actions happen. We can also use different tenses and time markers to show whether the actions are ongoing or completed.

Simple present tense

Ella **jogs** every day.

Present continuous tense

Dad **is drinking** coffee now.

Present perfect tense

They **have eaten** frog legs before.

Simple past tense

Billy **danced** on stage last night.

Past continuous tense

We **were studying** at school at 10 am this morning.

Simple future tense

I **am going to give** Grandma a call later.

Dad **will buy** a new car next month.

A Connie is talking to her friend after school. Draw lines to match the clauses to form correct sentences.



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| 1. What TV programme were you watching | • | • because I forgot my wallet yesterday. |
| 2. I didn't buy the stickers | • | • what song will you perform? |
| 3. Although Ann hasn't danced for a long time, | • | • while having dinner last night? |
| 4. If you join the singing contest, | • | • so that she can buy a new computer next month. |
| 5. Helen is now saving money | • | • she still finds dancing interesting. |


B The Kim family is watching a documentary on TV. Circle the time markers in the sentences. Then write the correct letters in the boxes.


1. Most people mobile phones 30 years ago because they expensive.
A. don't have B. didn't have C. haven't had D. are E. were
2. Nowadays, people usually in touch with their friends and relatives through social media.
A. keep B. kept C. are keeping D. was keeping E. have kept
3. VR games many children since they were introduced.
A. attract B. attracted C. were attracting D. have attracted
4. In the past, children liked watching cartoons while they meals in the evening. But now, they playing games on their mobile phones.
A. are having B. were having C. had D. like E. are liking
5. In the future, we more ways to have fun because of the modern technology around us.
A. will have B. will having C. have D. were having E. had


- C** Mrs Kim is writing a report on her interview with a successful young man. Complete her report with the correct form of the given verbs.

About Ricky Cheung

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Ricky Cheung, 26,  ① _____ (study) Computer Science in the Chinese University of Hong Kong now. At the same time, he ② _____ (be) the owner of a company. How can he be so successful at this age?



Technology is a huge part of Ricky's life. He  ③ _____ (be) a science lover since he was six years old. At that time, he ④ _____ (love) building robots and inventing things in his free time. In 2011, he ⑤ _____ (invent) the award-winning GPS label stickers. 'I ⑥ _____ (look) for my remote control at home when the idea of the GPS label stickers popped up,' he said.

The award  ⑦ _____ (bring) Ricky a large amount of prize money. He ⑧ _____ (start) an IT company with the money in 2012. He said, 'I ⑨ _____ (not give) up inventing useful tools for people in the future.'



Proofreading

- D** Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

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| 1. Last weekend, Dad and I go to a theme park. Dad | 1. _____ |
| 2. was taken photos while I was riding on Ghost Train. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Mum isn't visited any theme parks for ten years |  3. _____ |
| 4. because she is afraid of the rides. She loved arts | 4. _____ |
| 5. more so we are go to visit a gallery this weekend. |  5. _____ |
| 6. We will seen some nice paintings there. | 6. _____ |



Daily Life Grammar



E Mr Kim is reading a magazine article about technology. Complete the article with the correct form of the given verbs.

be not call develop not have help improve live
make meet pay save send spend use

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Technology 1 _____ a lot over the years.

Nowadays, it is very rare to see a person who

2 _____ a mobile phone. We simply

cannot 3 _____ without electronic tools in our daily lives.

Before the Internet was invented, people sent letters to friends and family. We

usually 4 _____ e-mails and messages on computers and mobile

phones now. We 5 _____ them for more than 15 years because

they 6 _____ fast and convenient.

Years ago, people 7 _____ expensive fees to make a phone call to

another country. As a result, they 8 _____ their friends overseas

often. But now, we can 9 _____ free video calls to people in

different countries on the Internet anytime we want. In the future, maybe we

10 _____ our friends on screen more often.



At the moment, many scientists 11 _____

new technology. It is good to use technology

because it 12 _____ us a lot but it has its

disadvantages. Think about this: How much time

13 _____ you _____

on mobile phone games since yesterday? 14 _____ we

_____ or wasting time because of new technology? We must use it

wisely.