



Task 1

Are the following sentences correct? If yes, put a tick (✓). If no, put a cross (X) and correct the sentence.

1. Susan had a nap when her phone rang. (X)
Susan was having a nap when her phone rang.

2. In this photo, as you can see, a group of world leaders were having a conference. ()

3. Sue had been working for eighteen hours when she blacked out. ()

4. Global warming is going to exert a destructive effect on the climate. There has been more extreme weather in recent years. ()

5. Have you worked out? You look much slimmer lately! ()

6. Around this time next year, Elliot will be studying at university. ()

7. By the time the bus will come, we will have been late for the appointment already. ()

8. If only I saved enough money to buy that laptop in the sale last month! ()

Task 2

Complete the weather forecast by circling the best answers.

General Situation and Outlook

Updated at 13:01

As at 1pm, the average temperature today **(1)** (is / has been) 29 degrees Celsius. However, it **(2)** (is increasing / will be increasing) over the afternoon.

The day **(3)** (is / was being) overcast. There **(4)** (have been / will be) heavy showers reported in certain districts. Be cautious when travelling to these districts.

It is known that a typhoon **(5)** (is hitting / is going to hit) Hong Kong. After it **(6)** (had moved / was moving) across the Philippines, it **(7)** (took / had taken) a different path. The Observatory **(8)** (has tried / has been trying) to keep track of its path. We **(9)** (will keep / will have kept) the public informed of the latest weather conditions. If the actual path does not deviate from the predicted one, we **(10)** (have issued / will have issued) Typhoon Signal No. 8 by midnight.

Task 3

Connie is giving a speech. Complete the speech by circling the best answers.

As one of the recipients of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons award this year, I (1) a little uneasy now as I (2) it. I owe my success to my school music teacher, Ms Lee. I (3) most of the time on expressing my gratitude to her.

I (4) a pianist born with only four fingers on each hand. Before I met Ms Lee, I (5) to dream of becoming a pianist. Piano teachers (6) me. Ms Lee, who (7) among you here, was the only one who was patient with me. She (8) me for four years when she arranged for me to meet a maestro with deformed hands.

It surprised me that the maestro was a student of Ms Lee's. He (9) to play the piano from Ms Lee for several years before he (10). Thanks to Ms Lee, both of us (11) accomplished pianists. There must be more students whom Ms Lee (12). Thank you, Ms Lee. All the honour belongs to you.

- (1) A. feel
 B. felt
 C. was feeling
 D. have been feeling

- (2) A. am not expecting
 B. will not expect
 C. did not expect
 D. have not been expecting

- (3) A. spend
 B. have been spending
 C. will be spending
 D. will have spent

- (4) A. am
 B. was
 C. will be
 D. have been

- (5) A. have never dared
 B. was never daring
 C. had never dared
 D. had never been daring

- (6) A. reject
 B. are rejecting
 C. have been rejecting
 D. had been rejecting

- (7) A. sits
 B. is sitting
 C. has sat
 D. has been sitting

- (8) A. has taught
 B. has been teaching
 C. had taught
 D. had been teaching

- (9) A. learnt
 B. has learnt
 C. was learning
 D. had been learning

- (10) A. graduates
 B. graduated
 C. is graduating
 D. had graduated

- (11) A. have become
 B. had become
 C. will have become
 D. became

- (12) A. nurtures
 B. has nurtured
 C. is nurturing
 D. had been nurturing

Task 4

Nick is interviewing Greg, an employee of a non-governmental organisation. Complete the conversation using the correct form of the given verbs.

Nick: How long (1) have you been working (you / work) for Against Child Abuse? When we first (2) _____ (meet) five years ago, you (3) _____ (already / join) the organisation for a few years. I guess it must be a long time.

Greg: You're right. I (4) _____ (serve) in the organisation for ten years by the end of this year. Nevertheless, I (5) _____ (never / consider) changing jobs.

Nick: I (6) _____ (hear) you say so more than once. May I know what (7) _____ (make) your job so rewarding?

Greg: Between 2018 and 2021, I (8) _____ (assist) the counsellors in following up on child abuse cases. I dealt with children who (9) _____ (suffer) domestic violence for a long period of time. Cases of this kind often involve physical abuse. It's really sad. We intervene by providing the kids with temporary accommodation, food, clothing or financial assistance.

Nick: Have your duties changed after those four years?

Greg: Yes. As you know, I obtained the qualifications in child therapy later. Since then, I (10) _____ (work) as a therapist. I sincerely hope that some of the children (11) _____ (recover) from their trauma by the time I celebrate my 10th anniversary of joining the organisation. I (12) _____ (meet) them the whole day tomorrow.

Nick: How can we help as laymen?

Greg: It's simple. If you suspect that someone (13) _____ (abuse) their children, report immediately. Sometimes, people (14) _____ (doubt) themselves and think that they (15) _____ (overreact). Be prompt when reporting as you could be saving a child.


 More to take away

layman (n.) = a person who is not trained or qualified in a particular subject

Task 5

Jonathan has drafted a post for a discussion forum. There are some mistakes. Correct the underlined mistakes and write the correct words in the spaces provided.

SUBJECT: Mum and Dad bickering over our dogs!



USERNAME

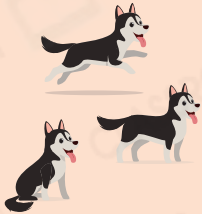
Seth_B
1 day ago

POST

Something ridiculous has happened lately in my family. It (1) is still being a headache for me. It is about the three dogs we own. My family (2) argue over them all the time recently. I can't understand it at all as they (3) never find the dogs annoying before.

It all (4) begins at Easter. My younger brother (5) studies for the exam throughout the holidays. He was under stress. First, he complained that the dogs (6) make too much noise while he (7) revises. Then, he blamed my dad for not calming them down. Dad was furious at how rude my brother talked to him. Mum (8) never enjoys looking after the dogs since the day Dad adopted them. Besides, she always (9) spoiled my brother. That was why she started quarreling with Dad about how he should have prioritised the kids' studies.

I honestly (10) have not known how to end the fight. Our family relationship (11) worsens considerably by the time I figure out what to do. (12) Have you guys had any thoughts?



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1. <u>is still</u> _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____
9. _____	10. _____
11. _____	12. _____