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Unit 3

Simple Present Tense, Simple Past Tense and Simple Future Tense

Oscar 在作業本上寫道:This is my schedule. I will take a break at 11 am. Then I will go swimming in the afternoon.

媽媽覺得有必要和 Öscar 說一下 simple present tense 和 simple future tense 的分别了。

「媽媽,現在才9時正,還有兩個小時我才可以休息,那不是將來的事嗎?下午不也是將來的事嗎?」

「但你明天仍然會這樣做,下星期也會這樣做呀,這是你的行程表。」

「我明白了,所以應該寫成:I take a break at 11 am. Then I go swimming in the afternoon.」

We use different tenses to talk about the past, the present and the future.



Simple Present Tense, Simple Past Tense and Simple Future Tense =

Exercise 1

Read the following sentences and circle the simple present tense forms.

- 1. Charlie takes the bus to school every day.
- 2. Dad goes for a run in the morning.
- 3. Peter and David do not play football on Saturdays.
- 4. Do the children like to draw pictures?

Read the following sentences and circle the simple past tense forms.

- 5. We lost the competition.
- 6. I bought some flowers for my mum on Mother's Day.
- 7. Sam did not go out on Sunday.
- 8. Did David talk to Professor Wong yesterday?

Read the following sentences and circle the simple future tense forms.

- 9. Karen will not send me any letters.
- 10. Chris will leave school at 5 pm.
- 11. I will do my homework after dinner.
- 12. Will you go to the park in the afternoon?

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets to complete simple present tense sentences.

- 1. I _____ (have) breakfast at home every day.
- 2. May _____ (sing) every Thursday.
- 3. It _____ (not snow) in summer.
- 4. _____ Peter _____ (enjoy) watching films?

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets to complete simple past tense sentences.

- 5. The doorbell _____ (ring) just now.
- 6. Vicky _____ (go) to the bank last week.
- 7. _____ you _____ (read) a book last month?
- 8. Mum _____ (not see) any monkeys at the zoo yesterday.

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets to complete simple future tense sentences.

- 9. Jane _____ (draw) a picture in art class next week.
- 10. Dad _____ (come) home soon.
- 11. _____ you _____ (practise) the piano tomorrow?

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Exercise 3 Match the sentences to the correct tenses.

- 1. Eric did not go to the theatre last night.
- 2. James wakes up at 9 am every day.
- 3. I enjoy singing a lot.
- 4. We will have dinner soon. •
- 5. Did Alex call you?
- 6. Are you a football fan?
- 7. The boys will go to the park this afternoon.
- 8. She went to the library an hour ago.

 Simple future tense

- 9. Will Jim go to the concert? •
- 10. Is Mary happy?

• Simple present tense

Simple past tense

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Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1. _____ Oscar _____ (buy) a car next year?
- 2. _____ Kate _____ (arrive) early every morning?
- 3. I _____ (not talk) to David last month.
- 4. Rachel _____ (not be) in Hong Kong next month.
- 5. Mr Johnson _____ (have) a Chinese class yesterday.
- 6. Amy and I usually _____ (meet) on Wednesdays.
- 7. _____ the children _____ (catch) the bus just now?
- 8. My sisters _____ (give) me a teddy bear when I was ill.
- 9. Sally _____ (not grow) up in Hong Kong.
- 10. Peter ______ (spend) his next holiday in Japan.
- 11. Lily ______ (finish) her homework soon.
- 12. My cousins _____ (leave) work at 4 pm on Fridays.

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Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets to complete the passage.

Dear Anna,		
Nice to meet you! I 1 (be) your new pen pal, and I		
2 (come) from Hong Kong. I 3 (like) playing		
tennis a lot. My dad usually 4 (practise) tennis with me		
in the park. But we 5 (not play) tennis in the park		
last week because the rain 6 (be) heavy. We 7		
(stay) at home and 8 (watch) a great film together. It		
9 (be) so much fun!		
It 10 (be) sunny next week. We 11 (not		
have) to stay at home anymore! We 12 (go) to the tennis		
court next Thursday and I 13 (take) some photos for you.		
14 you (like) tennis too?		
Chat soon!		
Jenny		