

LEA 11A Grammaire

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① **Présent ou prétérit : les temps simples. Mettez le verbe au temps qui convient.**

1. She (bite) into a piece of soap and then (spit) it out immediately. 'I (think) it (be) cheese,' she (say).
2. 'You (mind) if I (smoke)?' (ask) Amanda. 'Not at all,' (answer) Amelia, 'as long as you (not do) it in my presence.'
3. 'Where you (find) that pen? It (look) like the one I (lose) last week.' 'No, this one (belong) to me. I (admire) yours so much that I (buy) an identical one.'
4. The little girl (pinch) her baby brother, who (begin) to cry instantly. 'I (swear) I (not mean) to hurt him,' she (tell) her mother. 'Isn't it time he (wake) up for his next bottle?'
5. I (wish) I (earn) more money so that I (can) travel to far-away places. A friend of mine (go) to Thailand last year and (find) it fascinating. Each country (have) something special to offer, I'm sure.

② **Prétérit ou present perfect. Mettez le verbe à la forme qui convient.**

1. 'You (hear) the Prime Minister's press conference?' 'No, I (miss) it, but from what I (read) in the papers, he (not say) anything new. He claims the economy (improve) since he (take) office, but the number of unemployed (go up), so his efforts (do) no good.'
2. 'Sylvester Robbins! What a surprise! I (not see) you since we (leave) school. Where you (be) all this time?' 'Well, I (go) to graduate school in the U.S. and (live) there for six years. Then I (get) a job in Australia where I (meet) my wife, Samantha. I (bring) her over here to meet my family. Only my sister (come) to our wedding.'
3. 'I just (receive) a letter saying we (not pay) this month's rent. I (not give) you the money for that last week?' 'Yes, you . . . , but I (spend) part of it on books. My thesis supervisor (tell) me several times that my bibliography is incomplete.'
4. Although we (live) in this neighbourhood for several years, we (not get) to know many people here yet. The neighbours (be) very helpful when we first (move in), but they soon (lose) interest. Admittedly, we (not invite) them over, either.
5. 'You (hear) from Martha lately?' 'She (ring) up once while I (be) at work, and I (forget) to ring her back. But some of the others (be) in contact with her; they say she (feel) lonely at first, but by now she (make) new friends and (begin) to feel at home.'

Past simple and past progressive

Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past progressive of the verbs in brackets.

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- 1 Who was that girl you (talk) to when I (pass) you in the street?
- 2 He (sleep) soundly when he (awaken—*passive*) by a noise. He (go) downstairs to find out what (happen). He (know) something must be wrong because the dog (bark) furiously.
- 3 He (not take) my remarks seriously. In fact, he (think) I (joke).
- 4 A storm (break) while the golfers (approach) the half way stage in the competition. They (take) shelter in the clubhouse, and play (restart) as soon as the rain (stop).
- 5 The men (drink) together when an argument (break out). The men *soon* (come) to blows, and the publican (call) the police. The situation *just* (begin) to get out of hand, when the police (arrive) and (take) the two men to the police station. While they (get) out of the police car, one man (make) a break for it, and (succeed) in getting away. They *still* (look) for the man two hours later.

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Complément de mesure et repère temporel. Trouvez une autre manière de dire la même chose, en utilisant un verbe au *present perfect*.

Il faut modifier le complément de temps et souvent le verbe lui-même.

1. Alan and Sylvia got married last August.
2. It is over a year since her husband died.
3. Peter bought his present car six months ago.
4. My passport expired at the end of November.
5. I last spoke to my sister a month or so ago.
6. She learned to swim when she was eight.
7. We last saw the Petersons at the Elliotts' reception.
8. My brother joined the police force as soon as he left school.

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Complétez à l'aide de WILL ou de BE GOING TO au temps et à la forme qui conviennent :

1. Please take a seat. The manager be available in a few minutes.
2. The critics have already announced that the show be a success on Broadway.
3. Hello, Charlotte! I stop in at the library; you come with me?
4. Don't get too near! It explode!
5. He promised he bring the question up at the next parliamentary session.
6. The whole regiment parade in full dress uniform.
7. If you turn that switch, the light come on.
8. I check those results for several days now.