

MEGA GRAMMAR DRILL

A Make these sentences passive.

Example : They're repairing the bridge.
The bridge is being repaired by them.

- Has someone repaired your car?
- They haven't printed the results yet.
- They won't tell the staff about the problems.
- They are improving the property.
- They don't manufacture computers at that factory.
- They will advertise the new product on TV.
- They must do the work carefully.

E Complete the exclamations with **What ...**, **What a ...**, or **How ...**.

Example : **How** terrific!
1. _____ wonderful meal!
2. _____ awful!
3. _____ silly thing to say!
4. _____ brilliant news!
5. _____ clever children!
6. _____ absolutely ridiculous!
7. _____ nice surprise!
8. _____ confusion!

Complete the expressions with **take** or **put**.
Example : **take** drugs
1. _____ a risk
2. _____ place
3. _____ a plan into practice
4. _____ my advice
5. _____ some body in charge of
6. _____ pressure on some body
7. _____ my arm round some body
8. _____ responsibility for some thing

I Write a reply question for the statements.

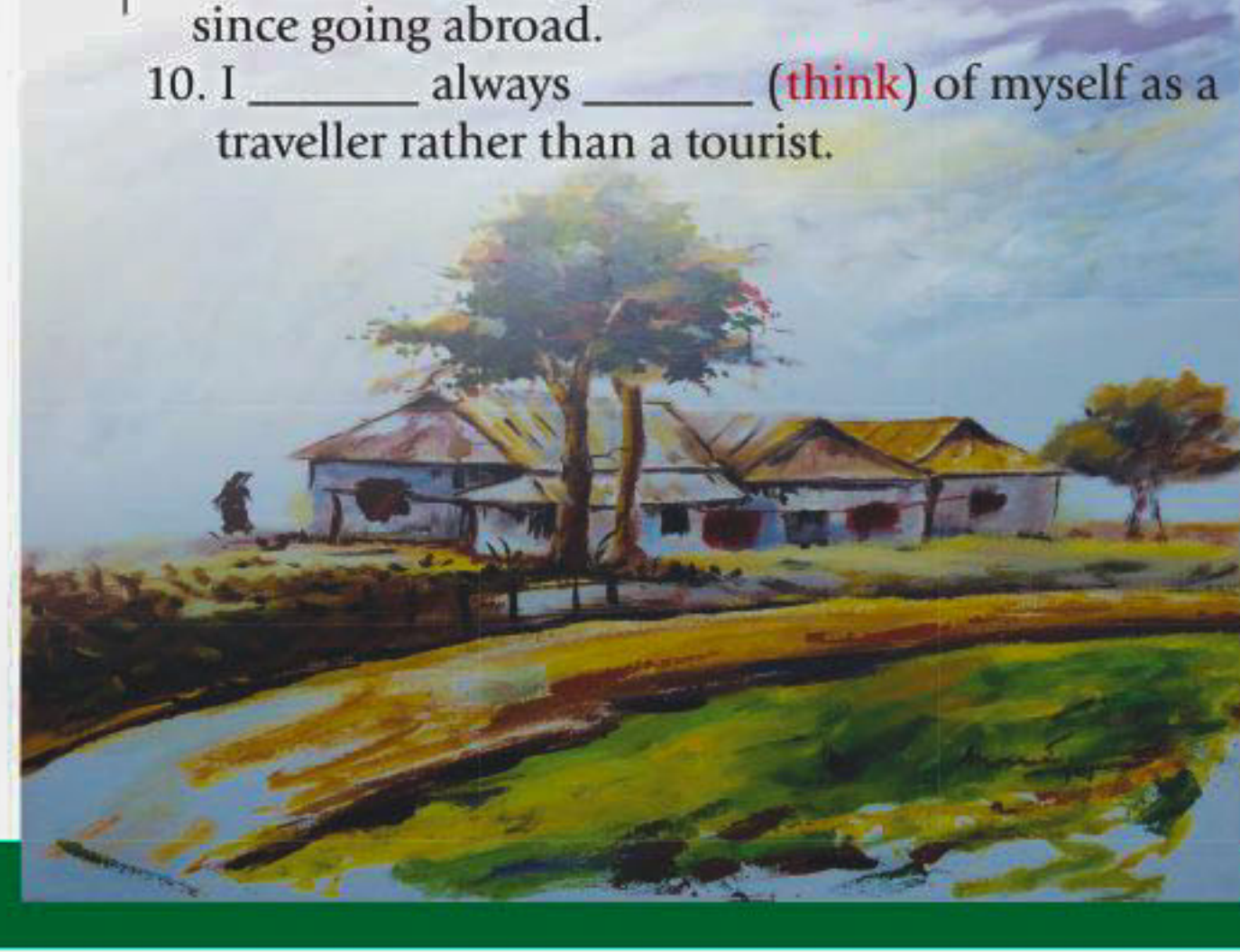
Example : A: I'm getting married.
B: **Are you?**
1. A: I want to tell you something.
B: _____
2. A: John's got some great news.
B: _____
3. A: I wasn't very happy.
B: _____
4. A: There was a terrible accident.
B: _____
5. A: My sister's having a baby.
B: _____
6. A: We've sold our house.
B: _____

C Complete the sentences with a compound noun or adjective formed from **life**, **house**, or **home**. Make sure you spell the word correctly (one word, two words, or with a hyphen).

Example : I never buy potatoes from a supermarket.
All our vegetables are home-grown.
1. My children hated living abroad. They were _____ the whole time.
2. Since they won the lottery, they've enjoyed a luxurious _____.
3. I do my grandmother's shopping as she is _____.
4. Due to advances in medical science, people's _____ has increased.
5. We've finished decorating, so we're organizing a _____ party for all our friends.
6. I was shocked to see the number of _____ people sleeping on the streets.

H Put the verb in brackets into the correct form of the Present Perfect simple or continuous.

Example: **I've eaten** (eat) too much spicy food. I feel sick now.
1. He _____ (write) a 'green' travel guide for the last six months.
2. Thousands of tourists _____ (see) the temples in Thailand this year.
3. I _____ never _____ (film) my holiday on a camcorder.
4. My friends _____ (travel) around Australia for the last six months.
5. We can't visit the caves because the authorities _____ (close) them.
6. I've run out of money but I _____ (buy) some wonderful souvenirs.
7. She _____ (learn) Spanish in preparation for her trip to Peru.
8. My back really hurts. I _____ (carry) that heavy backpack all day.
9. He _____ (catch) several serious illnesses since going abroad.
10. I _____ always _____ (think) of myself as a traveller rather than a tourist.



B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in italics. One example has been given.

Have
1. We have French classes twice a week.
2. Don't call the office at one o'clock. We _____ a meeting.
3. You're so lucky! You _____ three holidays already this year.
Work
4. I'm a designer, but I _____ in the sales department at the moment.
5. She _____ in London when I last saw her.
6. He _____ for three different companies since last year.
Travel
7. Before she emigrated last year, she _____ never _____ abroad.
8. People _____ to the moon in this 25th century.
9. I _____ 5,000 miles by the end of this month.

J Complete the sentences with a correct prefix from **A** and word from **B**. Some of the words are written with a hyphen.

A	B
self	conscious
anti	cooked
ex	author
fore	boyfriend
under	European
sub	social
pre	titles
co	cast
pro	exam

Example : I wish I wasn't so shy and **self-conscious**.
1. I wrote half the chapters in the book and my _____ wrote the rest.
2. The weather _____ isn't very good today.
3. Even though he left her for another girl, she has a good relationship with her _____.
4. She loves going to parties and meeting people, but he's _____ and sometimes even rude.
5. I sent my steak back because it was cold and _____.
6. Once I start writing I'm OK, but I often feel sick with _____ nerves.
7. After I had my baby I suffered badly from _____ depression.
8. I love cinema from all over the world and I don't mind watching films with _____.

G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs from the box. Some of the verbs are in the passive. **Not all the verbs are used.**

put on . take off . take after . take out . put off
take back . put out . put away . put down
put up with . take over

Example : She **puts on** make-up twice a day.
1. My new computer didn't work so I _____ it _____ to the shop.
2. My memory is hopeless. I have to _____ everything _____ in my diary.
3. They're worried about their jobs. Their company _____ next month.
4. I won't _____ any rudeness from the children.
5. Start your homework now! _____ it _____ until later!
6. There's no danger now as the fire _____ after a lot of financial difficulty, her business suddenly _____ last year.
8. You should help me tidy up the house. I'm fed up with _____ everything _____ myself.

D Complete the sentences with the correct form of **do**, **be**, or **have**. Some of the answers are negative.

Example: **Have** you ever been to Japan?
1. I work in a large company, but I _____ like it very much.
2. _____ you been waiting long?
3. It's very hot today, _____ it?
4. I don't understand what they _____ saying.
5. The job _____ advertised in last night's paper.
6. You don't see your parents very often. When _____ they emigrate?
7. 'Have you moved house yet?' 'No, we _____.'
8. A new road _____ being built through the town centre at the moment.

F Complete the sentences with a word or expression from the box and the correct form of **take** or **put**.

drugs . no notice . for granted . work first . ages . part
Example : I've never **taken drugs** in my life.
1. My boss doesn't appreciate what I do for the company. She just _____ me _____.
2. The hotel was supposed to be easy to find, but it _____ us _____ to get there.
3. It's a shame that people have so little time to relax. They always have to _____.
4. I tried to get the barman's attention, but he _____ and served someone else first.
5. My brother is a real loner. He hates _____ in group activities.

THE ULTIMATE TENSE DRILL

DRILL 1

Use either the Present Simple or Present Continuous tense in the following sentences :

- They normally _____ lunch at two. (have)
- Are _____ in Paris this week? (you work)
- You _____ new clothes every Saturday! (buy)
- I played football at school but now I _____ swimming (prefer)
- I _____ no idea what the book is about. Can you tell me what it's about? (have)
- John _____ a difficult time at the university this year (have)
- My father _____ everything about cars, but nothing about bicycles. (know)
- The moon _____ round the earth. (go)
- Do _____ those men at the door? - They _____ at us very strangely (you see, look)
- We _____ that the contents of this letter should be changed. (feel)
- They _____ lunch at the moment. - You shouldn't disturb them. (have)
- The watch _____ to my grandmother. (belong)
- I _____ what you _____ me but I don't agree with you (hear, tell)
- This medicine _____ a new substance (contain)
- These days we _____ tests at school. (always have)
- Why _____ my coat? - Oh, I'm sorry. It _____ like mine! (you wear, look)
- This cake _____ strange. What's in it? (smell)
- Hi Jake. - What _____ at the moment? - I _____ the sunshine at the beach. (you do, enjoy)
- Where _____ from? (new neighbours, come)

20. What _____ for a living? - He is a government official but he quit his job a few weeks ago. - And what _____ now? - At the moment he _____ for a new job. (your Dad do, he do, look)

DRILL 2

Write sentences from the words in the given tense!

- We - can - climb - mountain (past simple)
- What - you - think - of England? (present simple)
- We - learn - the whole night. (past perfect progressive)
- I - go - doctor (conditional 1)
- We - not be - there (conditional 2)
- We - walk down - street (past progressive)
- He - ever - visit - grandmother? (present perfect simple)
- We - never - read - books (present simple)
- Jane - not able to - walk - after the accident (past simple)
- She - wait - for an hour (present perfect progressive)
- He - be - an interesting man (past simple)
- I - come - at 7 (going-to future)
- We - discuss - the topic - for hours (present perfect progressive)
- She - get - up - now? (present progressive)
- We - just finish - our homework (present perfect simple)
- They - play - baseball - whole day (present perfect progressive)
- He - often - shop - at Harrods (present simple)
- He said - Mum - already - go - out (past perfect simple)
- I - find - this cap - this morning (present perfect simple)

20. John and Sheila - marry - on Wednesday (present progressive)
21. We - watch - TV - when - phone - ring (past progressive and past simple)
22. You - ride - a camel - in Egypt? (past simple)
23. I - cannot - go out - last night (past simple)
24. Where - he - go? (present perfect simple)
25. How often - you - go - dentist? (present simple)

DRILL 3

Write sentences from the words in the given tense.

- He - be - an interesting man (past simple)
- I - arrive - at 11. (going-to future)
- I - not do - that - if - I - be - you (conditional 1 and past simple)
- Many people - wear - dark clothes - night (present simple)
- He - discuss - the topic - for the last two weeks (present perfect progressive)
- They - just finish - homework (present perfect simple)
- She - get up - now? (present progressive)
- Prime Minister - speak - on TV - but - he - ill (conditional 2 and past perfect simple)
- When - he - come back - workers - already clean - pavement (past simple and past perfect simple)
- What - you - do - yesterday evening? (past progressive)
- The boys - play - football - whole day (present perfect progressive)
- He - often - shop - Harrods. (present simple)
- If - I - see - lights - I - stop (past simple and conditional 1)
- He said - Mum - already - go out (past perfect simple)
- I - run into - Tom - yesterday (past simple)

- Next week - I - go - to the beach (future progressive)
- The sales - start - next Monday (present progressive)
- When - I - enter - classroom - lesson - go on (past simple and progressive)
- Can - you - ski - when - you - be - little? (past simple)
- I - ski - when - I - be - at the university (past simple)
- How long - you - work - company? (present perfect progressive)
- She - sell - the ring (conditional 2)
- I - learn - type - now (present progressive)
- You - hear - from - him - lately? (present perfect simple)
- You - see - moon - last night? (past simple)

