

PREPARATION FOR THE TEST, 8TH GRADE

1. Choose between the Present Simple or Present Continuous:

Example: We sometimes go / **are going** to concerts.

- a) How often **do you do** / **are you doing** sport?
- b) Tom **works** / **is working** in the café on Saturdays at the moment.
- c) It **isn't snowing** / **doesn't snow** very much in my town in winter.
- d) My brother **never helps** / **is never helping** with the housework.
- e) **Is he playing** / **Does he play** computer games every day?

2. Order the words:

Example: ice-cream / like / does / chocolate / she / ? Does she like chocolate ice-cream?

- a) do / homework / often / how / have / maths / you / ?

- b) after / usually / the / dog / for / she / walk / a / school / takes / .

- c) her / piano / moment / doing / she's / at / the / practice / .

- d) never / are / for / school / they / late / .

- e) days / lot / swimming / doing / I'm / of / these / a / .

3. Circle the correct answers, choosing the appropriate relative pronoun:

Example: There's the man **which** / □ I thought was Uncle Fred!

- a) Zoe is the girl **who** / **whose** house is right next to school.
- b) This is the bag **who** / - mum bought online.
- c) This is the park **which** / **where** I found some money.
- d) Bob's Café is the one **that** / - has the best hamburgers.
- e) My neighbours were very kind to me **when** / **whose** I lost my keys.

4. Circle the correct words, choosing between the Past Simple and Present Perfect:

Example **Have you decided** / **Did you decide** where to go on holiday yet?

- a) I **just had** / **have just had** a great idea!
- b) We **saw** / **have seen** a really good film last week.
- c) They **didn't go** / **haven't gone** to the car boot sale last Saturday.
- d) The Maths test yesterday **was** / **has been** easy.
- e) I **lived** / **have lived** in my house since I was born.

5. Complete the dialogue. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

Alice ⁰ Have you read (read) any good books so far this summer holiday? I can't believe it's almost time to go back to school!

Ben Well, yes and no! I ¹ _____ (spend) a lot of time looking at dad's old books. I ² _____ (find) a really interesting atlas last week. There were some old maps of our town in it too. It's amazing how things ³ _____ (change) since dad was young.

Alice That sounds very interesting.

Ben ⁴ _____ (you / go) to the car boot sale two weeks ago? There were some interesting old books there too.

Alice I ⁵ _____ (not know) about it. Call me next time!

6. Circle the correct words, choosing between the Past Simple and Present Perfect:

Example: I took a photo of them while they **didn't look** / **weren't looking**.

- a) He didn't hear his phone because he **was listening** / **listened** to music.
- b) When I **was arriving** / **arrived**, they were cooking pizzas.
- c) She broke a finger while she **was playing** / **played** volleyball.
- d) What **did you do** / **were you doing** when the storm started?
- e) While I was walking to school this morning I **was losing** / **lost** my new scarf.

Answer key

1. a) do you do; b) is working; c) doesn't snow; d) never helps; e) does he play.

2. a) How often do you have Maths homework?
b) She usually takes the dog for a walk after school.
c) She's doing her piano practice at the moment.
d) They are never late for school.
e) These days I'm doing a lot of swimming OR
I'm doing a lot of swimming these days.

3. a) whose; b) -; c) where; d) that; e) when.

4. a) Have just had; b) saw; c) didn't go; d) was; e) have lived.

5. 1) have spent; 2) found; 3) have changed; 4) Did you go; 5) didn't know.

6. a) was listening; 2) arrived; c) was playing; d) were you doing; e) lost.