1. Simple Present Tense

Simple Present Tense is used to express

- A fact
  - John is an English Teacher.
  - Asia is the largest continent in the world.

- A repeated action
  - Ramesh eats his breakfast in the canteen.
  - Madu always forgets to switch off the lights.

- Scheduled actions
  - Rock Fort express leaves the platform at 10:30 p.m. every day.
  - The classes start at 8:30 a.m. on next Monday.
2. Simple Past Tense

Simple Past Tense is used to express

- Actions completed in the past
  - Magesh saw the movie *In Pursuit of Happiness* last weekend.
  - Last year, I visited the Seven Wonders of the World.

- A series of action completed in the past
  - I finished my target, argued for incentives, and got a good sum of money.
  - John locked the room at 10 a.m., reached the bus stand at 11.30 a.m. and received his friend at 11.45 a.m.

- Actions that covered duration in the past
  - Suresh and his family lived in Australia for the past 10 years.
  - Sheela and Geetha talked over the phone for 2 hours.
3. Simple Future Tense

Simple Future Tense is used to express

- A future voluntary action (will)
  - I will inform you once the order is ready.
  - The committee will announce its decision next week.
- A plan (is going to)
  - Kumar, with his family, is going to spend his vacation in Holland.
  - Shanthi is going to apply for engineering council next year.
- A prediction
  - Karthik will be the next student chairman of the college.
  - The movie Planes is going to win 5 Oscars next year.
Activity 1

Underline the verbs in the following paragraph and rewrite the paragraph in the past tense:

I am happy and elated, whereas you are miserable and melancholy. They are brave and courageous; however she is timid and frightened. Everyone has different feelings – sometimes good; sometimes bad. We are all just human, after all.

Activity 2

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses forms:

Rajesh : After you (leave) _______ college, will you please drop by the bakery and pick up some milk and bread?
Geetha : No problem, I (pick) _______ them up and be home by 6 o'clock.
Rajesh : Great. You will probably get home before I (do) ______.

Activity 3

Write down the missing sentence in the column below:

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<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>Sentence 1 (declarative)</th>
<th>Sentence 2 (negative)</th>
<th>Sentence 3 (Question)</th>
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<td>John</td>
<td>John eats his breakfast.</td>
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<tr>
<td>He</td>
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<td>He is not a person we are searching for.</td>
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<td>She</td>
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<td>Is she happy with the money?</td>
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Activity 4

Complete the questions and then answer.

1. _____ (do/does) you _____ (get/gets) up at 6 a.m.?
   Yes, _______________________________.

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2. _____ (do/does) Sandiya _____ (do/does) the homework on time?
   No, ____________________________________________.

3. _____ (do/does) your maid ____ (clean/cleans) your living room?
   Yes, ____________________________________________.

4. _____ (do/does) you _____ (speak/speaks) English?
   Yes, ____________________________________________.

5. _____ (do/does) Chitra _____ (climb/climbs) a tree?
   No, ____________________________________________.

Activity 5

Fill in the blanks with simple past tense form of verbs given in the brackets.

1. Last year John (go) _____ to Las Vegas on holiday.
2. It (be) _____ fantastic.
3. He (visit) _____ lots of interesting places. He (be) _____ with four friends.
4. In the mornings they (walk) _____ in the streets of Vegas.
5. In the evenings they (go) _____ to pubs.
6. The weather (be) _____ pleasant.
7. It (not / rain) _____ a lot.
8. But they (see) _____ some beautiful rainbows.
9. Where (spend / you) _____ your last holiday?
Activity 6

Fill in the blanks with simple future tense form of verbs given in the brackets.

A yogi in the Himalayas is telling the following sentences to Karthik.

1. You (be) _____ very happy.
2. You (get) _____ a lot of money in your business.
3. You (buy) _____ a fabulous villa.
4. Your enemies (envy) _____ you.
5. You (meet) _____ a beautiful and kind girl.
6. You (marry) _____ her with the blessing of your parents.
7. You and your wife (travel) _____ around the world.
8. People (serve) _____ you.
9. They (not/refuse) _____ to make you happy.
10. But all this (happen / only) _____ when you are 70 years old.