# **TENSES**



**REVISION** 

#### Present

- Present simple
- Present continuous

### Present simple

- FORM
- He works
- Question:
- Does he work?
- Negative:
- He does not (doesn't) work

#### Present Simple

- Functions:
- To talk about things in general:
- Nurses look after patients in hospitals
- To say how often we do things:
- I get up at 7 o'clock every morning
- In summer John plays tennis once a week.

#### Present simple:

- Verbs not normally used in continuous tenses: like, love, hate, want, need, prefer, realise, suppose, mean, understand, believe, remember, belong, contain, consist, depend, seem
- Do you understand what I mean?

#### Present continuous

- FORM
- Present of the verb to be + -ing
- He is reading
- Question
- Is he reading?
- Negative
- He is not reading

#### Present continuous:

#### FUNCTIONS

- Action happening at the time of speaking:
- Let's go now. It isn't raining any more.
- Action happening in a period around the time of speaking:
- Is Susan working this week?
- Is your English getting better?

#### Past

- Past simple
- Past continuous

## Past simple

- FORMS
- I went out yesterday.
- Question:
- Did you go out yesterday?
- Negative:
- I did not (didn't) go out yesterday.

### Past simple

- FUNCTIONS
- Action completed in the past:
- Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music

#### Past continuous

- Was/were + ing
- She was reading
- Question
- Was she reading?
- Negative
- She was not (wasn't) reading.

#### Past continuous

#### FUNCTIONS

- Limited duration
- This time last year I was living in Brazil
- Action which was interrupted by another action in the past
- I was watching TV when the phone rang.

- FORM
- Have + -ed
- I have finished.
- Question:
- Have you finished?
- Negative
- I have not (haven't) finished.

- FUNCTION
- Action in the past has a result now:
- I've lost my key.
- Action started in the past and continued until now:
- I have lived here for 15 years.

- Just, already:
- I have just arrived. He's already gone.
- Yet (questions, negatives)
- Has it stopped raining yet?
- I haven't posted it yet.

- Today; This morning/afternoon/evening (year, month, week)
- I've seen him today
- Have you been there this year?

#### Present perfect continuous

- FORM
- Have + been + -ing
- He has been waiting
- Question
- Has he been waiting?
- Negative
- He has not (hasn't) been waiting

#### Present perfect continuous

- Activity that has recently stopped or just stopped
- It has been raining. (The ground is wet)
- Activity is still happening
- It has been raining for two hours.

# Present pertect continuous vs. Present perfect simple

- Present perfect continuous: focus on activity
- My hands are very dirty. I've been repairing the car.
- Present perfect simple: focus on result.
- My car is o.k. now. I've repaired it.

## Past perfect

- FORM:
- HAD + -ED (Past participle)
- I didn't know who she was. I had never seen her before.

### Past perfect

- FUNCTION
- Action which happened before another action in the past
- When Sarah arrived, Paul wasn't there. He had gone home.

• A great deal of care\_\_\_\_\_(need, passive) to get insight into one's real needs and ensure that the second spouse\_\_\_\_\_(not choose, passive) on the basis of needs which\_\_\_\_\_\_(repeat, future) the difficulties of the first.

#### **EXERCISE**

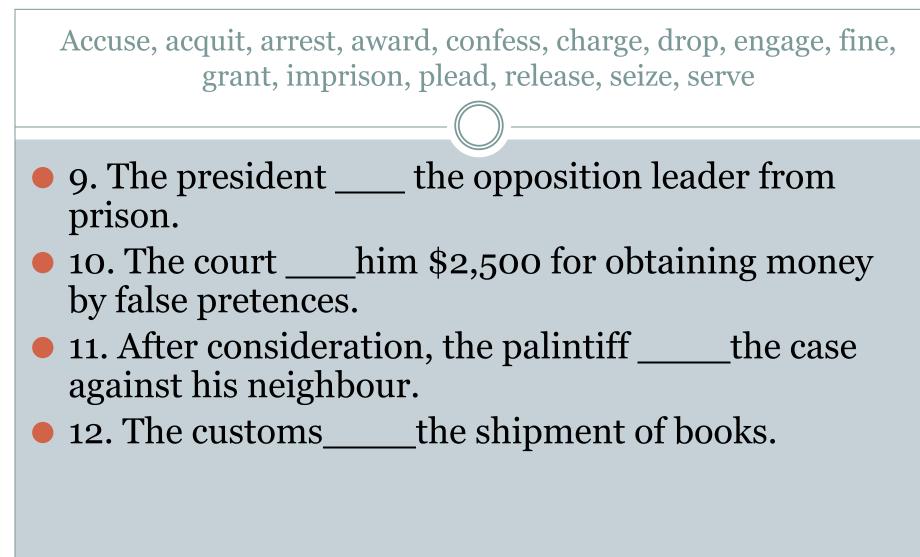
- Use the past tense forms to complete the sentences
- Accuse, acquit, arrest, award, confess, charge, drop, engage, fine, grant, imprison, plead, release, seize, serve



- 1. After six hours of questioning the accused man
- 2. The government\_\_\_\_an amnesty to all political prisoners.
- 3. Her boss \_\_\_\_\_her of stealing \$250.
- 4. The secret police\_\_\_\_him for six months in a high security jail.

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- 5. We \_\_\_\_the best commercial lawyer we could find to represent us but we still lost the case.
- 6. The prisoner \_\_\_\_guilty to all charges.
- 7. On 12 August they \_\_\_\_with murder.
- 8. The policeman stopped the car and\_\_\_\_the driver.

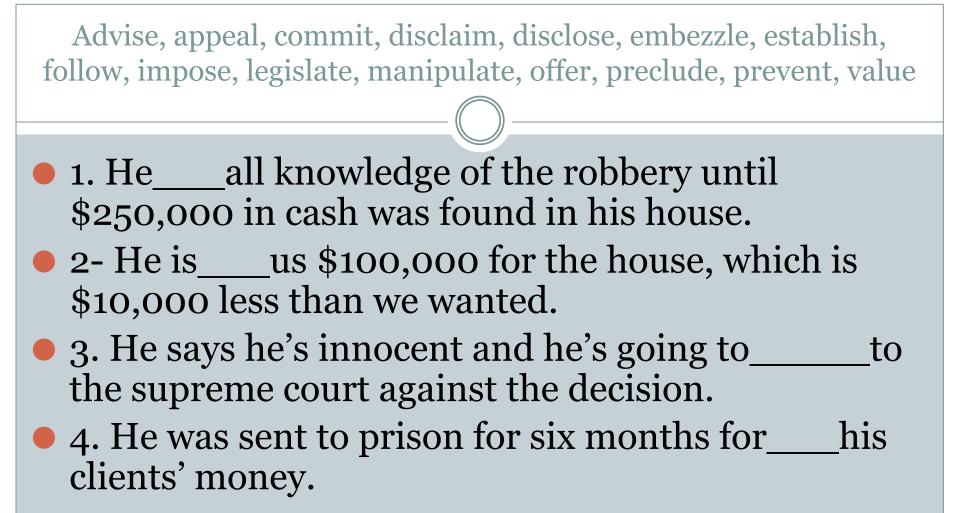


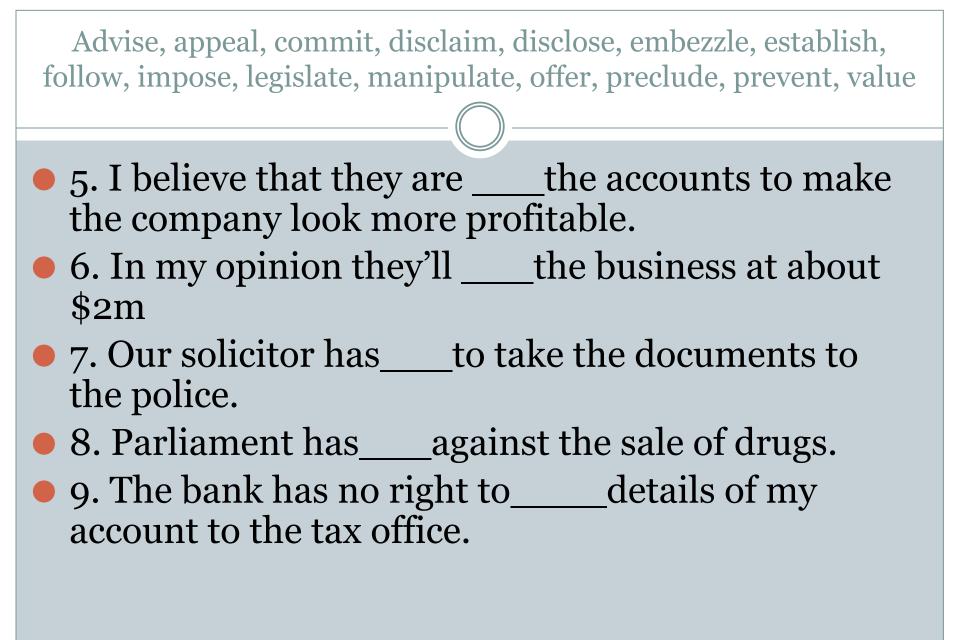
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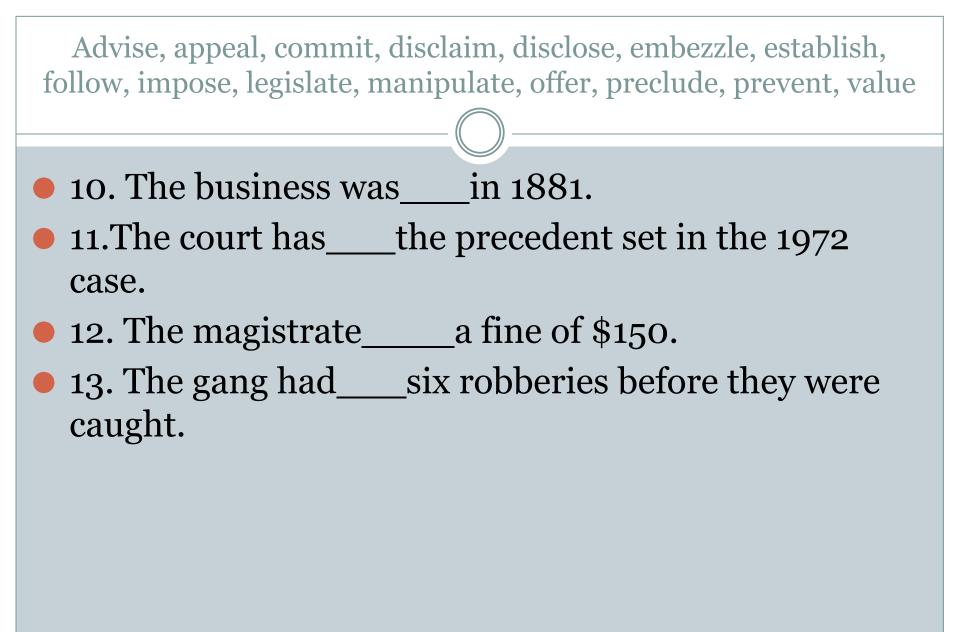
- 13. He \_\_\_\_\_ six months in a local prison.
- 14. The court \_\_\_\_the plaintiff \$75 in damage plus costs.
- 15. Two of the men were sent to prison, but the judge\_\_\_\_the third.

## Key

• 1. confessed 2 granted, 3 accused, 4. imprisoned, 5 engaged, 6 pleaded, 7 charged, 8 arrested, 9 released, 10 fined, 11 dropped, 12 seized, 13 served, 14. awarded, 15 acquitted









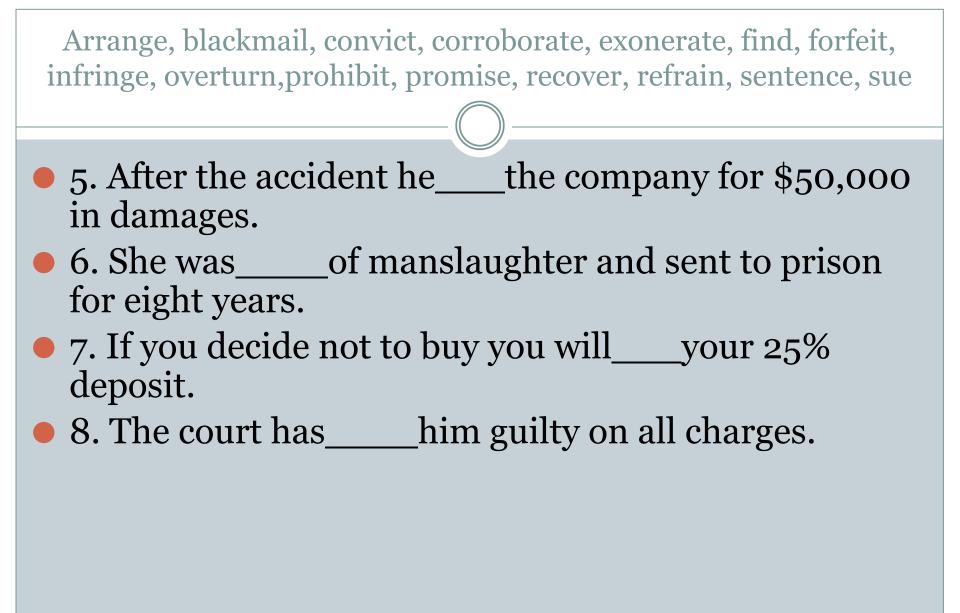
- 14. They have changed the locks on the building to\_\_\_\_\_the former managing director from going in.
- 15. This agreement does not \_\_\_\_\_further agreements between these parties in the future.

# Key

• Disclaimed 2. offering 3. appeal 4. embezzling 5 manipulating 6. value 7. advised 8. legislated 9. disclose 10. established 11. followed 12. imposed 13. committed 14. prevent 15. preclude



- 1. He was asked to give an undertaking to\_\_\_\_from political activity.
- 2. My client intends to appeal and I am sure that a higher court will\_\_\_\_this sentence.
- 3. I can\_\_\_\_Mr Waterman's alibi. At the time of the theft I saw him in Brighton.
- 4. The judge \_\_\_\_him to three years'imprisonment.



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- 9. We believe that this production\_\_\_our copyright as detailed below.
- 10. The company went out of business and the original investment was never\_\_\_\_.
- 11. We discovered that his secretary was\_\_\_him with certain details about his private life.
- 12. You\_\_\_\_to pay by August and it's now September. What's your explanation?



- 13. The law \_\_\_\_\_the sale of alcohol to minors.
- 14. All the files are \_\_\_\_in alphabetical order, so it's very easy to find.
- 15. The judge\_\_\_\_the driver from all responsibility for the accident.

# Key

• 1. refrain 2. overturn 3. corroborate, 4. sentenced, 5. sued, 6. convicted 7 forfeit 8. found 9. infringes 10. recovered 11. blackmailing 12. promised 13. prohibits 14. arranged 15. exonerated