

Gap fills exercise

Complete the short passages given below using appropriate verb forms.

1. While I was going home last evening, I
..... a friend of mine.

meet

met

had met

2. He for me at a bus
station hoping that I would reach there before 6
pm.

waited

was waiting

had waited

3. My friend Mr. Gupta a
famous writer.

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is

has

are

4. He short stories and plays.

writes

write

writing

5. He an anthology of poems too.

has published

publishing

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has publishing

6. Now he says that he
..... on a novel.

works

is working

has worked

7. Raju here yesterday.

came

has come

comes

8. He for Chennai
tomorrow.

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will leave

would leave

left

9. I computer programming now.

learn

am learning

learning

10. The course last month.

begins

has begun

began

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Answers

1. While I was going home last evening, I met a friend of mine.
2. He was waiting for me at a bus station hoping that I would reach there before 6 pm.
3. My friend Mr. Gupta is a famous writer.
4. He writes short stories and plays.
5. He has published an anthology of poems too.
6. Now he says that he is working on a novel.
7. Raju came here yesterday.
8. He will leave for Chennai tomorrow. During his stay in Chennai he will meet his sister who works there.
9. I am learning computer programming now.
10. The course began last month. By the time I finish this course, I will have mastered the subject very well.

Hints

Use the simple present tense to talk about facts, habits and routines.

Use the present continuous tense to talk about actions and situations that are happening at the moment of speaking.

The present continuous can also be to talk about pre-planned future events.