Unit 1 Grammar practice

Present and past tenses

1. Put the words in the correct order to form present tense sentences.
   rise / doesn’t / in / The sun / the west
   The sun doesn’t rise in the west.
   1. listen to / in the evenings / usually / I / music
   2. now / Are / learning / present tenses / ? / they / about
   3. known / about / How / have / long / the problem / you / ?
   4. minds / believes / some / He / people / read / can / that
   5. yet / Stella / found / hasn’t / a job
   6. in / the garden / has / working / Bob / all morning / been

2. Choose A or B to complete the sentences with suitable past tenses.
   My mum B the soup and then added some salt.
   A. was tasting B. tasted
   1. about the party when you walked in?
   A. Was he talking B. Had he talked
   2. While I was cooking, Joey ______ the kitchen.
   A. was cleaning B. had cleaned
   3. She was eating dinner when the phone ______ .
   A. was ringing B. rang
   4. They ______ in that house for many years.
   A. were living B. lived
   5. Mary ______ for an hour before Steve arrived.
   A. was waiting B. had been waiting

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list. Use the past simple or past perfect.
   already do = learn = rain = see = text = use
   We arrived at school at 8 o’clock.
   1. I ______ psychology last year.
   2. My cousins ______ in London for years and they love it.
   3. He ______ his report this afternoon.
   4. ______ your science homework?
   5. They ______ Spain two years ago.
   6. She ______ sky diving, but she wants to do it.

4. Write sentences. Use the verb tenses in brackets.
   He / not like / fruit or vegetables / but / he / like / meat (present simple)
   He doesn’t like fruit or vegetables, but he likes meat.
   1. I / watch / the birds / right now (present continuous)
   I ______
   2. They / not work / here / for long (present perfect simple)
   They ______
   3. She / read / a book / while / her mum / listen / to music (past continuous)
   She ______
   4. Jane / know / her neighbour / since February (past perfect)
   Jane ______
   5. My mum / cook / since 1 o’clock (past perfect continuous)
   My mum ______
   6. Jason / talk / about / his holiday / for hours (past perfect continuous)
   Jason ______

Future forms

5. Choose the correct alternatives.
   You’re hungry, so I ______ make lunch.
   1. I think she will/ is going to pass her exams.
   2. We will have/ are having dinner at 7 o’clock tonight.
   3. Please don’t phone me later. I will be sleeping / will have slept.
   4. This time tomorrow, Pam will fly / will be flying to Portugal.
   5. By 2060, scientists will have found / will be finding cures for many illnesses.
   6. Will they leave / Are they going to be leaving at midday?

6. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the list. Use the future forms in brackets.
   do = learn = rain = see = text = use
   What are you doing (you) at the weekend? (present continuous)
   1. I think I ______ Joe and ask him out for dinner. (will future)
   2. In 50 years’ time, cars ______ renewable resources. (future continuous)
   3. Look at those clouds! It ______ . (be going to)
   4. My mum ______ the doctor this afternoon. (present continuous)
   5. By 2020, experts ______ more about animal behaviour. (future perfect)