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Present Tenses for Future Events

Hard | Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | C1 | Advanced | Clause | Conditional sentence | Future tense | Present tense | Verb | Progressive tense | Simple tense

1. Help the frantic Chief of Staff finalize tomorrow's chaotic diplomatic schedule by selecting the correct verb forms.

According to the official itinerary, the ambassador's private jet _____ at exactly 14:00. I just spoke to his security detail; they've finalized the plans and they _____ a decoy route through the city sewers to avoid the paparazzi. We absolutely cannot begin the welcome banquet until he _____ safely decontaminated.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) touches down
B) is touching down
C) will have touched down

Blank 2

A) are taking
B) take
C) would take

Blank 3

A) is
B) will be
C) is being

2. Review the frantic wedding planner's notes. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use present tenses to describe future events.

Select all that apply.

A) Assuming the caterer is arriving at noon, we will have plenty of time to set up the buffet.
B) The mayor opens the new botanical garden tomorrow morning, and our reception follows immediately after.
C) We are seating the in-laws at the back of the hall, whether they like it or not!
D) I will signal the string quartet to play the moment the bride will walk down the aisle.
E) The ice sculpture is melting before the guests arrive if we don't turn on the AC right now.

3. Help the frantic wedding planner finalize the schedule by choosing the grammatically correct option for her panicked text message!

I can't deal with the caterers tomorrow because I ___ the bride at 10:00 AM to review the flowers, and the actual ceremony ___ promptly at noon!

Select one.

A) am meeting / begins
B) meet / is beginning
C) will meet / begin
D) am meeting / beginning

4. Complete the traveler's diary entry. Select ALL the verb phrases that grammatically complete the sentence to refer to the future.

"I plan to completely ignore my phone and catch up on my reading while the train _____ through the Alps tomorrow."

Select all that apply.

A) travels
B) is traveling
C) will travel
D) will be traveling
E) travel

5. Complete the disgruntled executive's dramatic monologue by selecting the correct verb forms.

The very moment the board ___ this disastrous merger tomorrow, I ___ my resignation, and I already have the letter printed!

Select one.

- **A)** approves / am submitting
- **B)** will approve / submit
- **C)** is approving / will submitted
- **D)** approves / submits

6. Help the mastermind finalize his heist plans. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that use present tenses to refer to the future.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The getaway helicopter takes off at exactly midnight, so synchronize your watches.
- **B)** We will bypass the laser grid while the main guard is doing his rounds.
- **C)** I am meeting our buyer in Paris tomorrow morning to hand over the diamond.
- **D)** We will crack the safe as soon as the security system will deactivate.
- **E)** Be careful with that explosive; it is detonating in a few seconds!

7. Complete the terrified lab assistant's final log entry by choosing the appropriate tenses.

I plan to trigger the emergency containment grid as soon as the mutant _____ up. However, looking at these wildly fluctuating vitals, I honestly don't know when that _____. I've already packed my bags and bribed a getaway driver; we _____ out the back door tonight, regardless of whether the lab is still standing.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** wakes
- **B)** will wake
- **C)** is waking

Blank 2

- **A)** will be
- **B)** is
- **C)** is being

Blank 3

- **A)** are sneaking
- **B)** sneak
- **C)** would sneak