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Identifying the tenses

1 Complete the tense charts. Use the verb *work* for the active and *make* for the passive.

ACTIVE	Simple	Continuous	PASSIVE	Simple	Continuous
Present	he works	we are working	Present	they are made	it is being made
Past	she	I	Past	it	it
Future	they	you	Future	they	
Present Perfect	we	she	Present Perfect	they	
Past Perfect	I	you	Past Perfect	it	
Future Perfect	they will have worked	he will have been working	Future Perfect	they will have been made	

2 **T1.4** Listen to lines from eight conversations and discuss what the contexts might be.



A shop assistant talking to a customer.

3 **T1.4** Listen again and identify the tenses.

Present Continuous Passive and Present Continuous.

Discussing grammar

4 Compare the meaning in the pairs of sentences. Which tenses are used? Why? Discuss your answers with a partner.

- Klaus **comes** from Berlin.
Klaus **is coming** from Berlin.
- What **were** you **doing** when the accident happened?
What **did** you **do** when the accident happened?
- I **live** in Singapore for five years.
I **lived** in Singapore for five years.
- When we arrived, he **tidied** the flat.
When we arrived, he **tidied** the flat.
- We **will have** dinner at 8.00, shall we?
Don't call at 8.00. We **will be having** dinner.
- I **didn't** **teach** English very well.
I **wasn't** **taught** English very well.
- How much **are** you **paying** to have the house painted?
How much **are** you **being paid** to paint the house?
- You're very kind. Thank you.
You're **being** very kind. What do you want?

Talking about you

5 Complete these sentences with your ideas. Then compare with a partner.

- At weekends I often ...
- My parents have never ...
- I don't think I'll ever ...
- I was saying to a friend just the other day that ...
- I hate Mondays because ...
- I'd just arrived home last night when ...
- I was just getting ready to go out this morning when ...
- I've been told that our teacher ...
- In my very first English lesson I was taught ...
- The reason I'm learning English is because ...

T1.5 Listen to the lines in conversations and compare your ideas. What are the responses?

SPOKEN ENGLISH Missing words

Which words are missing in these lines from conversations?

- Heard about Jane and John? Thought not.
- Leaving already? What's wrong?
- Failed again? How many times is that?
- Sorry I'm late. Been waiting long?
- Doing anything interesting this weekend?
- Like the car! When did you get it?
- Bye Jo! See you later.
- Just coming! Hang on!
- Want a lift? Hop in.
- Seen Jim lately?

Read the lines aloud to your partner and think of a suitable response for each one.

T1.6 Listen and compare.

