

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.

is
has
are

4. He short stories and

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plays.

writes
write
writing

5. He an anthology of poems too.

has published
publishing
publishes
has publishing

6. Now he says that he on a novel.

works
is working
has worked

7. Raju here yesterday.

came
has come
comes

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8. He for Chennai tomorrow.

will leave
would leave
left

9. I computer programming now.

learn
am learning
learning

10. The course last month.

begins
has begun
began

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.

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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.