

# 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.