Lower Intermediate Quiz

Circle the best answer. When you finish, check your answers on the back. See the tutors at the Learning Centre for more help and practice.

[Choose the best sentence.]
1. a. [a] Children often are hungry. [b] Children are often hungry.
   b. [a] You have eaten never sushi. [b] You have never eaten sushi.
   c. [a] An apartment seldom in that area is available.
      [b] An apartment in that area is seldom available.
   d. [a] The boy usually watches TV in the afternoon.
      [b] The boy watches usually TV in the afternoon.
2. a. Marie [cooked/was cooking] when she [felt/was feeling] an earthquake.
   b. While she [stood/was standing], the floor [moved/was moving] again, so she
      [sat/was sitting] down.
   c. While she [sat/was sitting], a cupboard door [opened/was opening], and some dishes
      [fell/were falling] out.
3. a. The child has [brown long/long brown] hair.
   b. The movie star has [big blue/ blue big] eyes.
   c. We met a [middle-aged small/ small middle-aged] man.
4. a. Our relatives [have visited never/have never visited] B.C. before.
   b. We [have decided/ have decides] to take our relatives to Vancouver Island.
   c. We [have not decided/didn’t have decided] if we will take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay or
      Tsawwassen.
   d. [Do they have /Have they] ever been on a ferry?
5. a. They [get on the bus/get the bus on] in front of their apartment.
   b. She [is looking at him /is looking him at] now.
   c. After the long trip across Canada, Tim's car broke [up/down/in], and he took it to a
      mechanic.
   d. The work cost so much that Tim was glad when his dad came [in/ up with] some money.
   b. I [have been asking/asked] him yesterday what he [has wanted/wanted] to do on the
      weekend.
   c. "[Have you been driving/Have you driven] across the Alex Fraser Bridge yet?"
   d. "Yes, I [have/did]. I [have/did] on my last visit."
7. a. The Jacksons have lived in that house [since/for] ten years.
   b. My parents visited two years [since/ago].
   c. Sharon hasn't spoken to her manager [since/for] last Friday.
   d. Margaret has not been the same [since/for] the day she got married.
8. a. We drove [during/within] the daytime.  
   b. We were able to travel to Calgary [in/during] two days.  
   c. We reached Kamloops [within/during] five hours.  
   d. I can drive to the Community Centre [during/in] ten minutes.
   b. Walking is the [most cheap/cheapest] way to go.  
   c. Jack is [exciteder/more excited] than Bill about buying some bicycles.  
   d. It would have been [gooder/better] if they had gone to a bike shop.
10. a. Mary has [drawed/drew/drawn] a lovely picture.  
    b. I [swam/swum/swimmed ] this morning.  
    c. The pipes [freezed/frozefrozen] last night.  
11. a. Harry hates [getting/to getting/gets] up early any day of the week.  
    b. He likes [to watching/to watch/watches] football in an open stadium.  
    c. He enjoys [going/to going/to go] to football games with his sons.
12. a. Jason has [been/ been being] a bank teller for ten years, and he has [work/been working] at that branch since January.  
    b. I have [thinking/been thinking] about my girlfriend in Bangkok even though I have never [written/been writing] to her.  
    c. Surjit has [being bought/been buying] groceries at Safeway for months, but she has just [applied, been applying] for a Safeway Club discount card.

Check your answers and circle the worksheet numbers where you have made mistakes.

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