

II. Corrigés des 25 thèmes grammaticaux

1. Présent simple et présent en BE + ING

1. The European Members of Parliament (EMPs) are examining a new bill on tobacco.
2. Where is he? Perhaps he is working. Or is he playing in the garden?
3. You are always complaining about something! I'm fed up with it!
4. More than four thousand people expect the tax office to send them back their tax returns.
5. I am leaving for London tomorrow afternoon.
6. I don't know where she is exactly, but I think she is working at the library.
7. He should be more careful! He is always making mistakes!
8. The children take their piano lessons every Friday afternoon.
9. The editor is wondering if/whether he is going to have this article published.
10. The coach wants me to register in the team that is taking part/intends to take part in the contest next year.
11. I don't like tea, that's why I buy coffee instead when I do the shopping.
12. Is he watching television? I can hear some noise in the living-room.
13. The English don't eat snails, but the French are very keen on them.
14. How often do you go to the hairdresser's?
15. I think that I'm going to buy this singer's latest album.
16. Listen! The dog is eating the leftovers in the kitchen.
17. Job seekers fill in this form every four months.
18. I don't understand why he is always complaining about his car! He should buy another one.
19. Are the children sleeping or are they listening to music upstairs?
20. Hurry up, we are taking the plane at 10.

2. Référence au passé

1. The foreign athletes were filing past the Olympic flame when they heard a strange noise.
2. The Olympic Games took place in London in 2012.
3. He walked into/came into the living-room. They were having breakfast, sitting at the table.
4. They left New Orleans in 2009. They eventually settled down in California in 2012.
5. He passed his baccalauréat with flying colours in the high school (*lycée*) of his home town in 2010. After taking a year off, he entered a *Grande École* in Paris in July 2013.
6. When they saw that he was seriously injured/they sent for a doctor.
7. The Prime Minister declared that he was going to implement new measures to try and help the jobless.
8. The patrons of this pub were drinking a few pints of beer when a strange man came into/walked into the large room situated next to the bar.
9. Last week the developed countries voted a law in favour of the developing countries at the international summit without taking into account the disagreement of the Chinese leaders.

3. Le prétérit modal

10. When he arrived in New York, he first visited the Empire State Building before taking the shuttle to go to Ellis Island.
11. The doctor took his temperature, then asked him if/whether he had followed a special diet.
12. This nurse sued his patient for libel five years ago.
13. There used to be more rubbish under the bridges of the town because all the boats sailing by dumped their litter without caring about the environment.
14. She eventually accepted to work overtime when she saw that she had trouble making ends meet.
15. He bought three pieces of furniture and five wicker chairs last Friday.
16. The President disapproved of the decision taken by this NGO last week, even if he finally understood that it did not have the choice.
17. The drawback is that we booked this hotel three months ago.
18. I used to take the bus to go to school because I did not want to walk.
19. The employees of this factory were striking when they received a phone call from their shop steward.
20. As soon as he got his dismissal letter, he called his trade union.