



UNIT 4: Learning to fly

Warm-up

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 **Narrative Tenses through Storytelling**

Multiple Choice Quiz (C1)

PART A – Reading & Interpretation

Read the information:

Blackbirds usually feed off the ground.

The majority of English blackbirds seldom move any distance from where they were hatched.

They are rather solitary birds with a very melodious voice.

1. Which statement best reflects the description of blackbirds?

- A. They migrate long distances every year.
 - B. They tend to remain near their birthplace.
 - C. They prefer living in large flocks.
 - D. They rarely sing.
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2. If a blackbird in the video suddenly joins a flock, this would suggest:

- A. Perfect compatibility with the factual description.
 - B. A contradiction that may create narrative tension.
 - C. Scientific inaccuracy only.
 - D. That the description is irrelevant to the story.
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3. The most likely narrative theme suggested by the contrast is:

- A. Weather changes
- B. Competition for food
- C. Stepping outside one's comfort zone
- D. Hunting behaviour

 **PART B – Story Structure**

4. Which element usually introduces a narrative?

- A. Climax
 - B. Flashback
 - C. Background information
 - D. Resolution
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5. The turning point of a story is:

- A. The final moral lesson
 - B. The moment where the main conflict changes direction
 - C. The description of the setting
 - D. The introduction of characters
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6. The climax is:

- A. The most intense or decisive moment
 - B. The background description
 - C. The first sentence
 - D. A flashback
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 **PART C – Narrative Tenses**

7. Which tense is typically used for the main events in a story?

- A. Past continuous
 - B. Past simple
 - C. Present perfect
 - D. Future perfect
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8. Which tense is used to describe background actions?

- A. Past simple
 - B. Past perfect
 - C. Past continuous
 - D. Present simple
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9. Which sentence correctly uses the past perfect for a flashback?

- A. The bird saw the flock.
 - B. The bird was seeing the flock.
 - C. The bird had never seen such beauty before.
 - D. The bird sees the flock.
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10. Which sentence correctly shows internal monologue?

- A. The bird was flying in formation.
 - B. The bird had lived there for years.
 - C. "Perhaps I should try," the bird thought.
 - D. The bird tries to escape.
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 **PART D – Forming Rules**

11. Continuous tenses usually express:


- A. Completed actions
 - B. General truths
 - C. Actions in progress
 - D. Permanent situations
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12. Which tense combination is correct for scene-setting?

- A. Past perfect + future simple
 - B. Past continuous + past simple
 - C. Present perfect + past perfect
 - D. Future simple + past continuous
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13. Which sentence correctly combines narrative tenses?

- A. The bird sang when the flock had appeared.
 - B. The bird was singing when it saw the flock.
 - C. The bird had sung when it was seeing the flock.
 - D. The bird sings when it saw the flock.
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 **PART E – Across Time**

14. Complete the sentence correctly:

Look! The birds _____ in formation.

- A. fly
- B. flew

- C. are flying
 - D. have flown
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15. Complete the sentence correctly:

At 8 o'clock tonight, the birds _____ in formation.

- A. fly
 - B. will be flying
 - C. were flying
 - D. have been flying
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16. What is similar about past, present and future continuous forms?

- A. They describe habits.
 - B. They describe actions in progress at a specific time.
 - C. They describe completed actions.
 - D. They express obligation.
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17. Which sentence correctly uses the future perfect?

- A. The bird will decide soon.
 - B. The bird will have decided by sunset.
 - C. The bird is deciding tomorrow.
 - D. The bird has decided tomorrow.
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18. Which sentence correctly uses a modal + continuous form?

- A. The bird might be thinking about leaving.
 - B. The bird might thought about leaving.
 - C. The bird might thinks about leaving.
 - D. The bird might have think about leaving.
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🔑 PART F – Moral & Interpretation

19. A moral in a story usually:

- A. Describes the weather
 - B. Explains grammar rules
 - C. Conveys a lesson or message
 - D. Introduces the characters
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20. A story about a solitary bird joining a flock most likely reflects:

- A. The importance of migration patterns
 - B. Fear of predators
 - C. Human fears and personal growth
 - D. Bird anatomy
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KEY**✓ Teacher's Answer Key****Narrative Tenses through Storytelling (C1)**

1. **B**
2. **B**
3. **C**
4. **C**
5. **B**
6. **A**
7. **B**
8. **C**
9. **C**
10. **C**
11. **C**
12. **B**
13. **B**
14. **C**
15. **B**
16. **B**
17. **B**
18. **A**
19. **C**
20. **C**

 Quick Marking Guide

18–20 → Excellent (Strong C1 control of narrative tenses)

15–17 → Very Good

12–14 → Satisfactory (Some gaps in tense usage)

Below 12 → Needs revision of narrative tense system